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By Dr. Pablo S. Trillana III
Contributor

(The author is a deputy grand knight of the Order of the Knights of Rizal.)

TOMORROW IS THE 145TH BIRTH anniversary of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. Many Filipinos regard Rizal as a male Darna or a demi-god. They seem to think that Rizal was

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Paul McCartney at 64: Will you still need me?

BEATLE JAMES PAUL McCartney turns 64 today—just like the song he wrote and later recorded with John, George and Ringo, almost four decades ago.

Now what?

When McCartney was

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BAGUHIN KO YUNG LYRICS TO 'WHEN I'M 64!'

GMA war endgame vs NPA

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MT. BULUSAN STILL RESTLESS
Accompanied by Sorsogon Gov. Raul Lee at Barangay Binanuahan, Juban, Sorsogon, President Arroyo orders the immediate setting up of evacuation sites beyond the six-kilometer danger zone. She also received a briefing from Phivolcs experts and inspected disaster preparations which began three weeks ago when the volcano first showed signs of activity. ***(Story on Page A2)***

'Oplan Bantay Laya to deliver final blow'

By Fe Zamora

ONE MILITARY OFFICIAL CALLS IT THE "end-game strategy," geared towards crushing all rebel groups and paving the way for national development before President Macapagal-Arroyo's term ends in 2010.

The lines of attack are there: A legal offensive against communist chief Jose Ma. Sison and a military offensive against the New People's Army.

Officially called the Internal Security Operations (ISO) Oplan Bantay Laya, it serves as Ms Arroyo's master plan for delivering the final blow to a 37-year insurgency that no president from Ferdinand Marcos to Corazon Aquino, Fidel Ramos and Joseph Estrada was able to tame.

It is the fourth counter-insurgency master plan adopted by the government in 25 years.

"This is it. If this won't work, I don't know what else would," a key security official and one of the key implementors of Bantay Laya told the INQUIRER.

"The legal offensive on Joma and the other communist leaders, the military campaign and the coming economic, socio-political components, all these would fall under the ISO Bantay Laya," the official explained.

Echoing this view, one military official ended a briefing on Bantay Laya with this statement: "We have been in this game for decades. Perhaps it is time to put into play an endgame strategy that will terminate this lingering problem."

Bantay Laya would tap practically all government agencies, including diplomatic offices, indicating that the counterinsurgency campaign would be waged even in foreign countries, where known Filipino insurgents, including Sison, had sought asylum.

Adopted in 2002 and originally intended as a 5-year program, Bantay Laya has been described in military documents as a "holistic approach" in fighting insurgency, using both civilian and military agencies to promote good governance and public confidence in government, alleviate poverty and provide the people with a secure environment conducive to development.

According to documents, Bantay Laya also aims to "directly ad-

GMA/ A10

Palparan widens military drive in C. Luzon

By Tonette Orejas and Carmela Reyes
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A DAY AFTER PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARroyo declared she was pouring an extra P1 billion into the war against communist rebels, a senior Army general announced the expansion of military operations in Central Luzon, the decades-old hotbed of communist insurgency.

Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan, commander of the 7th Infantry Division, yesterday pinpointed the towns of Lubao and Sasmuan in Pampanga as the targets of the widened military campaign.

The towns of Peñaranda and General Tinio and Gapan City in Nueva Ecija would be next, said Palparan, whose iron-hand methods in dealing with rebels and their sympathizers had earned him the label of "The Butcher."

Palparan confirmed he had expanded the scope of his campaign against the New People's Army a day after Ms Arroyo announced she was infusing more money into the military effort in order to eliminate the insurgency in "critical areas" within two years.

Palparan welcomed Ms Arroyo's call for victory over the rebels.

"It's a booster to our efforts. I'm determined in this campaign. This is good. We're going all-out now," Palparan told the INQUIRER.

Another anti-insurgency fighter, Lt. Gen.

PALPARAN/ A10

286 new PMA cadets honor their fathers

By Vincent Cabreza
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FORT DEL PILAR, BAGUIO City—The Philippine Military Academy is an unlikely venue for the annual Father's Day celebration, but officers, parents and 286 incoming students made it the sentimental theme for yesterday's incorporation of PMA Class 2010 into the corps of cadets.

The theme rang true for T/Sgt. Pepe Ventura, who watched his 17-year-old daughter, Rayna, become an official PMA cadet.

"It's the best Father's Day gift," Ventura told the INQUIRER after the ceremony as Rayna approached him for a kiss.

Both Lt. Gen. Antonio Romero II, Armed Forces of the Philippines vice chief of staff, and Lt. Gen. Leopoldo Maligalig, PMA superintendent, mentioned the special day in their speeches to welcome the new batch of fourth-class cadets.

Romero reminded them that their fathers sitting in the PMA grandstand would "remember the day because [of] Father's Day."

Indeed, fathers applauding their children were a common sight at yesterday's ceremony. One said he had come all the way from Cagayan de Oro City to witness his son, achieve something he never did.

Capt. Dennis Solomon, PMA information officer, said only three of the original 289 cadets who signed up for the PMA summer boot camp did not make the list.

Of the 1,013 cadets in training,

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Orthopedic boat sails Visayan seas

By Maria Congee S. Gomez
Contributor

ITS NAME "HILWAI" IS DERIVED from an Ilonggo term that means "freedom to move around," and it plies the Visayan seas.

The 30-ton, 16-meter-long specially designed and fully equipped boat with an eight-member staff docks in remote areas of the archipelago to fulfill a mission: Provide free orthopedic devices for those in need.

Hilwai has produced 60 artificial limbs (prostheses), 12 corrective braces and 17 special chairs for people with disabilities (PWDs) since it began operations in January 2005.

It has visited the island-municipalities of Antique, Masbate, Bohol, southern Antique and northern Leyte, staying in each place for three months.

All the devices are made on the boat by Elmar Villaganas, its lone technician. Himself a PWD from Tahanang Walang Hagdan, Villaganas has been making assistive devices for 15 years.

Some of the required materials—such as plaster of Paris, R10-60, hardener, stockinet and pigment color—are purchased in Sta. Cruz or Binondo, Manila.

Southern Leyte was where Hilwai docked in the first week of May. Nine municipalities were on the recipient list: St. Bernard, San Juan, Li-loan, San Francisco, San Ricardo, Sogod, Bontoc, Macrohon and Maasin.

According to Benjamin Gobin, program director of Handicap International (HI) Philippines, and his colleagues, the idea of an "or-

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JOAN BONDOC

BIG CHANGE FROM SMALL CHANGE. Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales celebrates the second anniversary of the Pondo ng Pinoy Foundation at La Salle Green Hills. The foundation collects only coins for donations but has raised a total of P80 million since the cardinal started the project when he became archbishop of Manila. ***(Story on Page A4)***

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Western sections of Luzon and the whole of Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming frequent rains over the eastern sections of Visayas and Mindanao. The rest of Luzon will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with rainshowers.

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Ready relocation sites – GMA

By Bobby Q. Labalan and Niño Jesus Y. Orbeta
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JUBAN, SORSOGON—PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo yesterday ordered the immediate establishment of relocation sites for evacuees who would be affected in the event of a major eruption by Mt. Bulusan.

Volcanology experts told the President on Saturday that a major eruption could threaten the lives of at least 20,000 people residing near the restive volcano.

Ms Arroyo flew here from Legazpi City to inspect disaster preparations that began three weeks ago when the 1,565-meter volcano began emitting ash and steam.

The President was briefed by experts of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, Office of Civil Defense and regional and provincial disaster coordinating councils on the preparations being made.

Phivolcs Director Renato Solidum said Mt. Bulusan was capable of a "long-duration eruption" which could last for a year or two, thus necessitating permanent relocation sites for those to be affected.

Sorsogon Gov. Raul Lee said he had instructed the mayors of the four towns presently affected by the volcano's ashfalls to identify possible relocation sites in their respective areas.

Residents of the northwestern sector of the volcano would be the ones to be immediately affected in case of an eruption with lahar flows reaching as far as 10 km away, said the Phivolcs chief during the one-hour briefing.

Phivolcs said Mt. Bulusan remained under alert level 2 with seven high-frequency volcanic earthquakes recorded during the past 24-hour observation period.

"Sulfur dioxide (SO2) emission rate of the volcanic plume was measured at 458 tons per day yesterday (June 16). Steaming activity from the active summit craters and western fissures varied from wispy to moderate," a Phivolcs report said.

These observations indicate a low-to-moderate level of unrest with fair probability of more explosions," the report added.

Experts from Phivolcs and the local civil defense office laid out to the President a "worst-case scenario" where portions of the peak would collapse onto Lake Bulusan at the eastern base of the mountain.

If this happens, the water may flood the entire coastal town of Bulusan, a town of just under 21,000 people, Civil Defense Office regional director Arnel Capili told Ms Arroyo during the briefing.

Solidum said the town's residents would then have to be moved out of harm's way and housed temporarily in shelters where they may have to stay for months while waiting for the volcanic activity to subside.

"Authorities will likely build huts and tent cities so schools won't be overburdened. The tent city will be outside the six-kilometer danger zone," Solidum said.

He said the worst-case scenario would involve ashfalls and the spitting out of hot rocks and dust from the crater.

Irosin Mayor Lilia Gonzales reported that four families from Barangay Cogon composed of at least 25 persons would have to be evacuated as their residences were located on a river bank, which was identified as a possible route of the lahar flow.

Gonzales said they had already identified a privately owned lot that could serve as a temporary relocation site for the families.

Sorsogon Rep. Francis Escudero also went around the affected towns of Sorsogon to check on the residents' situation.

He and Casiguran Mayor Edwin Hamor distributed 8,000 face masks to the residents of Barangay Inlagadian. *With an AFP report*

A LOCAL resident wades through a river thick with pyroclastic deposits spewed by Mt. Bulusan. Some residents around the volcano have been evacuated to safer ground after it belched a plume of ash 1.5 kms into the night sky Tuesday forcing several schools to close and prompting officials to call emergency meetings to assess the damage to agriculture and health.

AP

Gas, kerosene prices up 50¢/liter

By Abigail L. Ho

OIL FIRMS YESTERDAY RAISED again the pump prices of gasoline and kerosene by 50 centavos per liter.

Chevron Philippines Inc. hiked its prices at 12:01 a.m. followed by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp at 6 a.m. and industry leader Petron Corp. at noon.

Total (Philippines) Corp. also increased prices effective 12:01 a.m. today.

New players Seaoil Petroleum Corp. and Flying V will make similar price adjustments tomorrow at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Petroleum Corp. will follow suit at noon the same day.

According to data from the Department of Energy, the regional benchmark Dubai crude rose to a June average of $65.38 a barrel from $65 a barrel in May.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products, meanwhile, decreased to $84.06 a barrel in the first 15 days of the month from the May average of $86.80 a barrel.

But MOPS-based diesel surged to an average of $88.47 a barrel in the June 1-15 period from $87.53 a barrel last month.

Diesel pump prices were spared from the price hike, however, as the impact of the one-percentage-point reduction in import tariffs for crude and refined petroleum products was all channeled to diesel.

Since the start of the year, oil firms have increased gasoline prices 14 times or by a total of P7 a liter. Diesel prices have increased 12 times or by a total of P6 a liter, while kerosene prices have risen 15 times or by a total of P7.50 per liter.

These new price adjustments will bring premium unleaded gasoline prices to between P40.79 and P43.06 per liter, diesel to between P35.29 and P37.28 per liter, and kerosene to between P37.50 and P41 per liter.

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Take people's initiative issue to SC, urges FVR

By Volt Contreras and Gil Cabacungan Jr.

A DAY AFTER HE WAS REPORTED TO NOW be backing the people's initiative as a mode for Charter change, former President Fidel V. Ramos advised Cha-cha proponents to "grab the issue by the horns" by filing a petition seeking a ruling from the Supreme Court on whether the mode is constitutional.

"Instead of everybody guessing whether it's legal or constitutional, why don't you grab the issue by the horns? Where is that petition? Any group of taxpayers can file such a petition," Ramos told reporters yesterday at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

"Assuming that we file the petition and we will have a favorable ruling, that is the only way to do it," the influential ex-President said.

Ramos had made a commitment to help President Macapagal-Arroyo's Charter Change Advocacy Commission (AdCom) push for a shift to a parliamentary system of government through a people's initiative, the group said in a statement on Thursday.

AdCom chair Lito Monico Lorenzana said Ramos made the pledge at a meeting on Wednesday with the commission members.

Constructive debates

Malacañang, meanwhile, urged the public to focus on constructive debates on Charter change rather than muddle the discussions by concocting worst-case scenarios.

"It is important at this point to sustain an informed and transparent debate on Charter change rather than engage in doomsday scenarios and self-defeating arguments that will only let slip this opportunity for a better future for our nation and people," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday.

Bunye made the statement after Ms Arroyo credited the people's initiative "with its 8 million signatures" for making Charter change a legitimate issue. "It (people's initiative) gave the initiative and constituent assembly a life of its own," the President said in her speech in Isabela Friday.

Buoyed hopes

Bunye said the support thrown by leaders and statesmen for Charter change "buoys the people's hopes that fundamental reforms in our economic and political system are near and imminent."

Malacanang had earlier endorsed the use of state colleges and universities (SUCs) as a platform in spreading the President's advocacy to amend the Charter as the solution to the country's long standing political malaise.

"If they (the SUCs) will be used to help in explaining the need for constitutional reform, we don't see anything wrong in this," Bunye said in a briefing last Thursday.

Nothing improper

Bayan Muna Rep. Teddy Casino had previously lambasted the Palace for using government money and institutions like the SUCs in partisan undertakings such as Charter change.

"These educational institutions are really the site of various discussions and we don't see anything improper if ever the SUCs would tackle Charter change in their debates," Bunye said.

Bunye said there was no stopping the debates on Charter change because "it has assumed a life of its own."

US to give RP $21M to fight corruption

THE UNITED STATES HAS APPROVED A $21-million aid program to combat corruption in the Philippines, the US Embassy in Manila said Saturday.

The grant was approved Friday under the congressionally funded Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) program, which seeks to reward countries which govern well.

The two-year initiative would strengthen the Office of the Ombudsman, a special prosecutor for criminal cases involving government officials, and the Department of Finance and comes under the Millennium Challenge Corp. (MCC), a US federal agency that hands out development assistance.

Reduce opportunities

The multimillion-dollar financing aims to "reduce opportunities for corruption throughout the government by training Ombudsman employees and establishing information management and investigation and surveillance capability," the embassy said in a statement.

It would also seek to improve enforcement in three revenue units of the finance department—the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Bureau of Customs and the Revenue Integrity Protection Service.

USAID in charge

The US Agency for International Development will run the program, the embassy said.

The anticorruption aid is part of an initiative by US President George W. Bush to help countries tackle the main obstacles to their development.

"The MCC program represents an important opportunity for the United States and the Philippines to deepen our partnership by strengthening government institutions focused on anticorruption and revenue administration efforts," US Ambassador to Manila Kristie Kenney said in the statement.

An MCA statement said the Philippines was ineligible for participation in broader MCA assistance programs "because of persistent problems with public corruption."

It said the Philippines suffered from "high levels of corruption in tax and customs administration, conflicts of interest in the public sector and weak enforcement of existing anticorruption laws."

AFP, AP

Workers decry SC action on Luisita

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—TWO GROUPS OF workers claiming land at Hacienda Luisita yesterday decried the Supreme Court's order preventing the government from immediately breaking up the sugar estate and parceling the land out to its tenants and other workers in line with a decision by the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council.

"We are extremely saddened by the injunction," Rene Galang, chair of the United Luisita Workers Union (Ulwu), told the INQUIRER yesterday. "It is very clear that the Cojuangcos have violated many terms" of the Stock Distribution Option Agreement (SDOA) that had made the workers co-owners of the sugar estate under the government's land reform program in 1989.

Galang said the Ulwu would ask the Supreme Court next week to reconsider the temporary restraining order it issued on Friday against the PARC and Department of Agrarian Reform. He said in a statement earlier that he hoped the court would realize that issuing the TRO was a mistake.

"We hope that the court would see the error of their decision and its dire effects on the lives of us farm-workers. But even with the TRO we will continue tilling the land and intensify our struggle to retake Luisita. The SC has added fuel to the fire in this volatile issue," Galang said.

The DAR too has said it intends to ask the court to reconsider the TRO.

Galang said the SDOA allowed the family of former President Corazon Aquino to retain ownership and control over the vast estate, which consists of 4,915 hectares spanning 10 barangays in Tarlac.

Noel Mallari, chair of Farmworkers Agrarian Reform Movement-Hacienda Luisita (Farm-Luisita) said the injunction has "prolonged the injustice" on workers there, and said the group would picket the court's premises.

The estate's management said the TRO would give it a chance to check if the workers really want the land to be parceled out among them or to continue with the shareholding scheme that has made them co-owners of the corporate farm with the Conjuangcos', who remain majority owners and retain control.

"If majority of the farm workers say they really want the land, then its okay with us," said lawyer Vigor Mendoza, counsel for Hacienda Luisita Inc., at yesterday's Kapihan sa Sulo news forum in Quezon City.

He said the HLI management will hold a series of dialogues with the workers while waiting for the court to resolve the issue. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon, and Norman Bordadora*

House to mull CARP extension

BACOLOD CITY—THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES will conduct a large-scale assessment of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) before it decides whether or not to extend the program, according to Speaker Jose de Venecia.

De Venecia told reporters here on Friday night that he agreed with the position taken by a number of solons, including those from Negros Occidental, who had asked that the CARP be reviewed to determine if it had achieved its goal of uplifting the lives of farmer-beneficiaries before extending its implementation.

Agrarian reform officials have been pushing for the extension of CARP beyond 2008 when its implementation would expire, saying much still needed to be done.

President Macapagal-Arroyo was reportedly planning to ask Congress to extend the land reform program another five years after 2008 to help some two million farmers become self-sufficient.

In 1988, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL) enabled the government to break up large landholdings that were then sold under easy 15 to 20-year terms to landless tenants.

Now on its 18th year, just a million out of three million have become economically viable farms under CARP, Agrarian Reform Secretary Nasser Pangandaman said.

De Venecia said a factor that would contribute to extending agrarian reform would be the success of the negotiations with the Marcos family on their so-called ill-gotten wealth.

"If that is substantially successful then you have a major source of funds for financing agrarian reform," he said.

The implementation of the Expanded Value Added Tax also generated a significant amount of funds for agrarian reform, De Venecia said.

De Venecia was here to speak to the city's barangay captains and to attend the Philippine Councilors League 6th Visayas Island Congress.

Strong resistance from landowners has been blamed for the slow pace of CARP's implementation.

In the Bondoc Peninsula, landowners have resorted to the use of criminal law to resist coverage by CARP.

Citing the recent arrest of farmers, former UP College of Law dean Raul Pangalangan noted that landowners in the area accused their tenant farmers of criminal offenses to stop the distribution of their lands. *Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau, and Blanche S. Rivera*

CA justice tapped to head DOLE

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO HAS tapped an associate justice of the Court of Appeals to replace Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas, a presidential loyalist who is being rewarded with the choice but less stressful post of chair of the Development Bank of the Philippines.

Justice Arturo D. Brion, a former labor and foreign affairs undersecretary and bar topnotcher, is to take over the labor portfolio on July 3, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye announced yesterday.

In an interview, Brion said his first priority would be to study the programs and policies that Sto. Tomas had carried out during the five years that she headed the Department of Labor and Employment.

"I am taking over [from] a successful labor secretary and I would like to maintain her legacy of peaceful labor and management relations to keep the number of strikes to a minimum," Brion said.

He said industrial peace would be the biggest challenge of his term.

"This to my mind is the biggest hindrance to progress. I'm really glad that employers are not averse to giving a wage increase now in the face of rising oil prices as long as this is not done through legislation," said Brion, who became associate justice of the appellate court in July 2003.

Before joining the government in 2001, Brion was a senior partner at the Siguion Reyna Montecillo & Ongsiako law office specializing in labor law.

Brion headed the DOLE's labor relations cluster from March 2001 to July 2002, before becoming foreign affairs undersecretary for special projects from August 2002 to June 2003.

He graduated cum laude and was valedictorian of the Ateneo de Manila College of Law Class of 1974. He placed first in the 1974 bar exams with a grade of 91.65 percent. He obtained his master of laws specializing in labor law at York University in Canada where he practiced law for three years.

A militant workers' group, however, yesterday expressed dismay at Brion's appointment, saying he had a poor image as a champion of workers' rights.

The Alliance of Progressive Labor said it did not like how Brion dealt labor groups and handled cases when he was labor undersecretary.

"We're not happy with him, but we would be happy to be proven wrong," said APL secretary general Josua Mata in a phone interview.

Mata said the group hoped Brion would be better than Sto. Tomas whose performance they judged as "dismal."

The President reluctantly let go of Sto. Tomas who wanted out of the stressful labor department post. Sto. Tomas is one of Ms Arroyo's most loyal officials, refusing to join the Hyatt 10 group of Cabinet members who resigned last year.

"President Arroyo is proud of Secretary Sto. Tomas's public service record which is a testimony to hard work, honesty and technical competence," said Bunye.

He said Sto. Tomas would take over as DBP chair from Antonino Alindogan Jr. in the first week of July. No position has yet been announced for Alindogan, who was appointed only last March.

Bunye said Sto. Tomas's final mission at DOLE would be to sign a labor agreement with her Spanish counterpart during the President's visit to Spain later this month. The agreement is seen as easing the flow of Filipino labor to the former colonial power. *With a report from Leila Salaverria*

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Reenacted budget to cut GDP growth, solon warns

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE FAILURE OF CONGRESS TO pass the P1.053-trillion budget for 2006, which includes a fiscal stimuli package worth P129 billion, is expected to lop off at least one percent from the country's gross domestic product growth rate this year.

Albay representative and Arroyo economic adviser Joey Salceda said a reenacted budget without the fiscal stimulus package would make the Philippine economy more vulnerable to a fallout from the slowdown in the US economy, one of the country's biggest trading partners.

"As higher interest rates slow down global GDP growth, sustaining the Philippine economic expansion would increasingly rely on domestic aggregate demand. With five continuous years of money supply growth, we can no longer pin our hopes on monetary stimulus since the BSP [Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas] is under pressure with policy rates now behind the curve with the US Federal Reserve Board. All of these could precipitate the contractionary impulse of recent fiscal shock measures," said Salceda.

Without increased government spending in the form of infrastructure outlays and social service subsidies, Salceda said the country's growth rate forecast should be cut by at least one percentage point (or P64 billion based on a GDP of P6 trillion).

The interagency Development and Budget Coordinating Committee projects GDP to grow between 5.5 percent and 6.2 percent this year.

This is why, Salceda said, the P129 billion new spending embedded in the 2006 budget assumes greater fundamental weight.

"These conditions overweigh any and all and whatever potential abuse the Senate suspects of the President. Under these conditions, a reenacted budget is morally wrong," said Salceda more than a week after Congress ended its session without passing the budget due to the Senate's insistence on cutting more than P60 billion from the outlay.

Slower economic growth due to the failure to pass the 2006 budget "would deprive at least 350,000 Filipinos from crossing over the poverty line since 90 percent of poverty reduction comes from GDP growth," according to Salceda.

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Major revamp at Senate seen with Villar takeover

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

SOME SENATORS ARE EXPECTING A MAJOR reorganization in the Senate when Sen. Manuel Villar takes over its presidency on July 24.

Sources in the chamber said a major revamp of committee chairmanships will be in the offing after the leadership change at the start of Congress's third regular session late next month.

Senate President Franklin Drilon and Villar ended months of speculation on whether the former would comply with their gentleman's agreement, forged in 2004, to split the leadership of the 13th Congress between them, when they held a joint press conference early this month pledging a smooth transfer of power on July 24.

The transition, however, would be formalized when Villar gets at least 13 senators to vote for him on that day. He has confirmed he has the commitment of 14 senators.

Senate sources said the changes would include giving the finance and public order committees to Drilon, the defense committee to Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago and some important committees to opposition senators Luisa "Loi" Ejercito Estrada and her son Jinggoy Estrada, two of three members of the minority who signed the resolution endorsing Villar as the new Senate President.

The sources also said the senators in the majority who did not sign the resolution, like Rodolfo Biazon, Mar Roxas and Richard Gordon, could lose their major committees.

Villar could not be contacted for comment. He left Friday for a three-week European vacation.

While Malacañang rejoiced at the accession of Villar, it appeared that Drilon would still be in a position of power in the Senate.

An erstwhile ally of President Macapagal-Arroyo, Drilon withdrew support from her after the "Hello Garci" wiretap controversy alleging she had cheated in the 2004 elections broke out.

A senator said Drilon would take over the finance committee chaired by Villar. But a second senator said Drilon would not only get the finance committee but other committees currently held by the housing magnate. Drilon earlier refused to confirm or deny this.

Villar heads three powerful committees – finance, public order and illegal drugs, and accounts.

The committee on finance handles matters relating to the budget and funds of the national government, including the payment of debts and the audit of public expenditures.

The turnover of this committee to Drilon would make him a key player in the battle with Malacañang and the House of Representatives over the proposed trillion-peso 2006 national budget.

The committee on accounts handles the Senate operating budget.

The public order committee, on the other hand, has jurisdiction over all issues pertaining to peace and order, the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Bureau of Fire Protection and private security agencies, as well as all matters pertaining to illegal drugs.

This committee investigated allegations the President and her family benefited from "jueteng" operations.

A senator said the committee on national defense and security could go to Santiago, an ally of Ms Arroyo's. The committee is currently chaired by Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, a member of Drilon's Liberal Party which also withdrew support from the President.

Biazon's committee handles sensitive inquiries, including the "Hello Garci" controversy which has yet to be concluded.

When asked if he expected to retain the chairmanship of the defense committee, Biazon said: "I don't want to talk about it. If they want to take my committee, it's up to them."

Biazon, Roxas and Gordon were the only three majority senators who did not sign the resolution backing Villar. The fourth man was Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. who is still on medical leave.

Biazon said he would follow the LP party line, which is to support Villar. He said there had been no discussion of an LP party stand but the decision of Drilon and Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan to sign the Villar resolution appeared to be the party position.

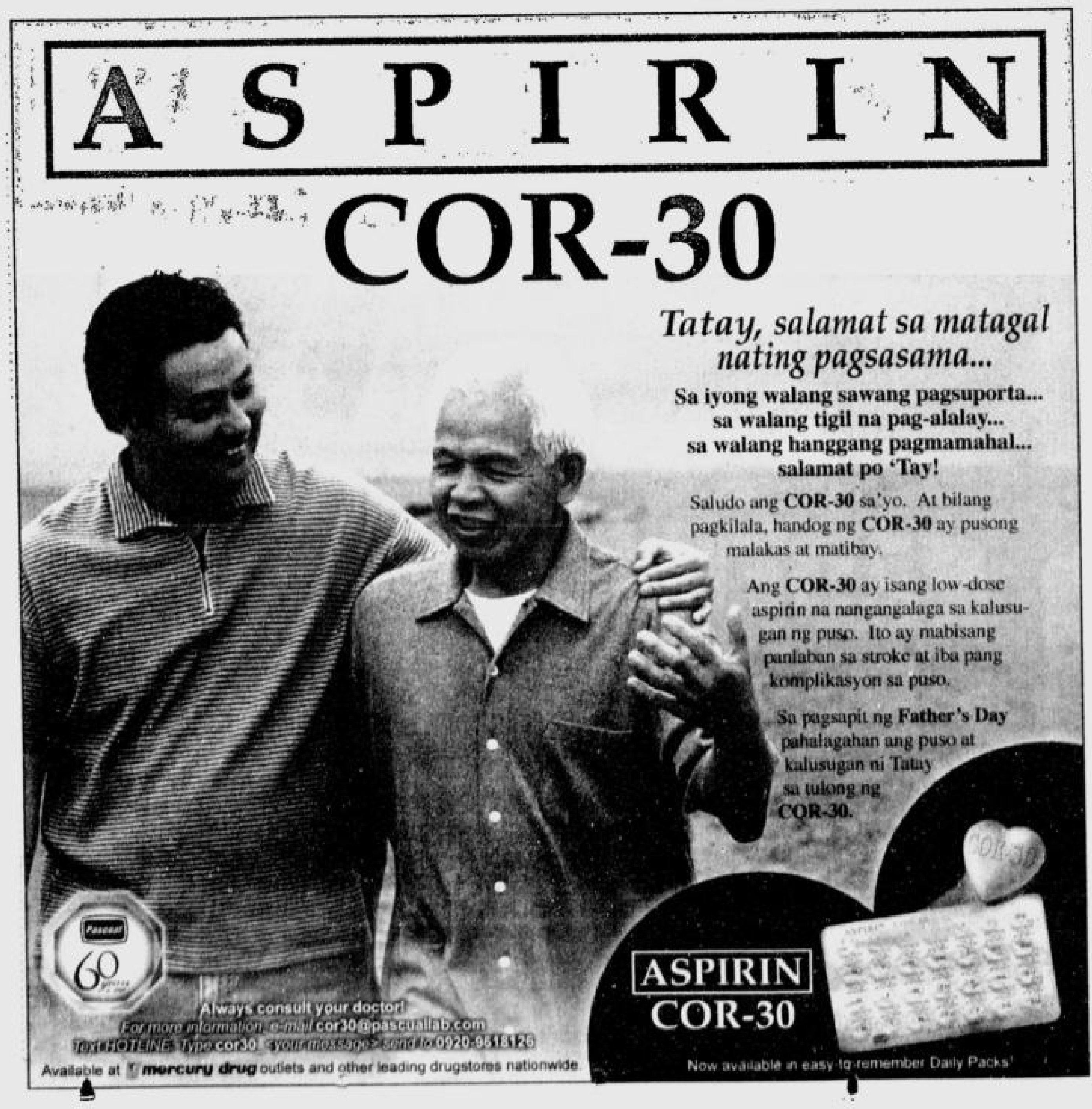
Roxas chairs the Senate committees on economic affairs and trade and commerce.

Gordon chairs three Senate committees – constitutional amendments, tourism, and government corporations and public enterprises.

Sources said he was approached by Villar to sign but he asked for more time.

Gordon heads the panel that is conducting a dialogue with the House on Charter change and is the principal author of the certified election automation bill.

Neither Villar nor the Estrada mother-and-son tandem would say if the two would become part of the Senate majority with their support of Villar.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From small change 'Pondo' raises P80M

By Leila B. Salaverria

IN THE TWO YEARS SINCE IT WAS started, the Pondo ng Pinoy donation drive initiated by Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales has proved the power of small things.

From collecting donations of as little as 25 centavos, the program has fed and educated underprivileged children, provided jobs to impoverished communities and taught values to many.

As of April 2006, the Pondo ng Pinoy Foundation has collected almost P80 million from donations to the dioceses under the ecclesiastical province of Manila.

"Pondo ng Pinoy brings back that wisdom in little things, little steps, small bits and small bites that also have the power to feed even a potential giant," Rosales said in his homily during the the program's second anniversary at the La Salle Green Hills.

"The philosophy of Pondo ng Pinoy assures us that there is power in little movements as long as they remain united," he said.

Rosales warned that greed, violence or anything that threatens small acts of kindness should be regarded as obstacles to progress.

The Cardinal thanked all those who contributed to the fund campaign, but reminded people that donating money should be an act of love.

He recalled the story of a young boy nicknamed Jayjay, whose mother and teacher wrote to him about the boy's activities.

Jayjay, a grade school student, made a habit of donating to the Pondo ng Pinoy bottle in his school.

According to his mother, Jayjay would save all the 25-centavo coins that he would find in passenger jeepneys or in his mother's office to donate to the fund drive.

The boy's teacher also recalled that Jayjay gave donations regularly and not only when the bottle was ready to be collected.

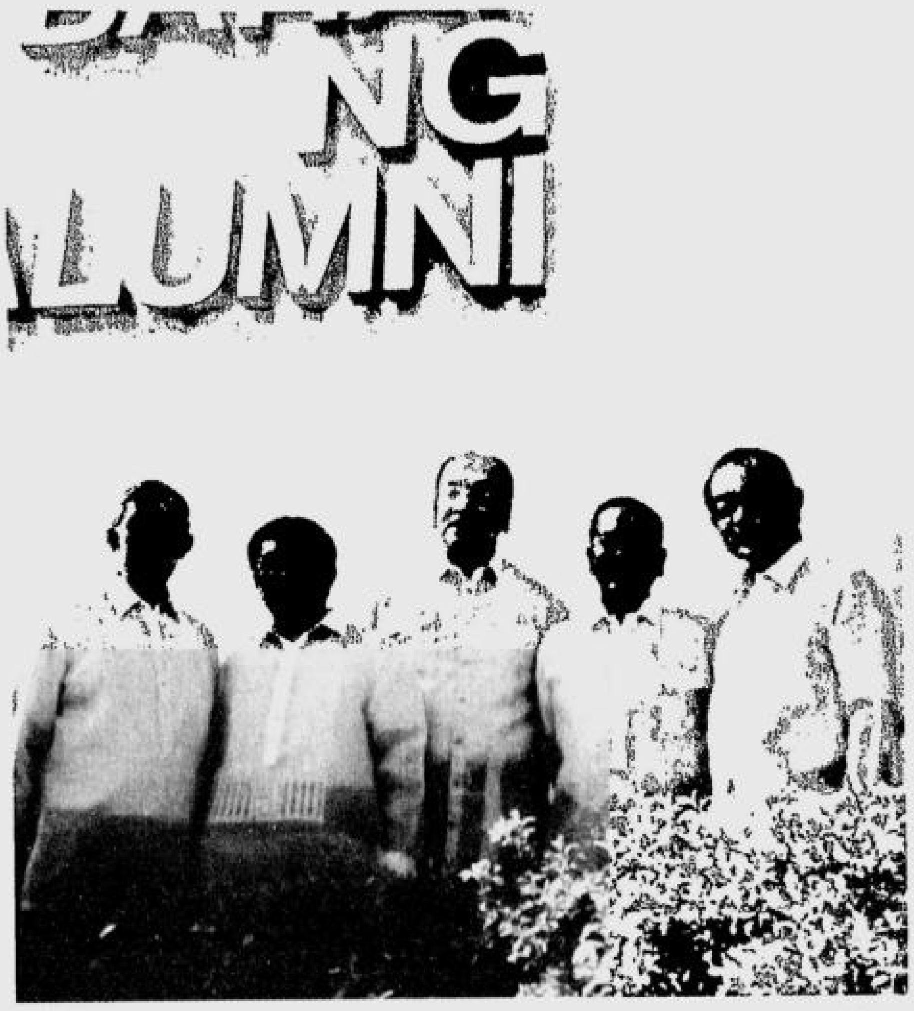
Rosales said that even when Jayjay was stricken with a leukemia-like illness and stopped going to school, the boy still asked that the Pondo ng Pinoy bottle be brought to him so that he could donate money. The boy was to die not long after.

"It was a work of love," Rosales said of Jayjay's act.

"That is the kind of good news our country needs," he said.

The Cardinal also stressed that the Pondo ng Pinoy Foundation was not just about collecting money donations, but about building a family. He said that in giving, both giver and receiver learn the teachings of the Gospel.

"What Pondo ng Pinoy is doing is transforming a community of believers into a family of people and individuals who have become persons with a vision of what they want to be—men and women with fullness of life, believing in and loving a Triune God," he said.



Antonio M. Mabesa, UP Lifetime achievement awardee for theater and the arts (center) is flanked by four fellow golden jubilarians who were TOYM awardees, namely, from left, Renato Marcos Labadan, Rodolfo T. Reyes, Reynaldo J. Gregorio and Dr. Teodoro P. Nuguid.

Fifty years on, Class '56 achievers lead golden jubilarians at UP fete

NATIONAL ACHIEVERS ARE AMONG THE 1956 graduates of the University of the Philippines who will celebrate their golden jubilee during the annual UP Alumni Reunion and Homecoming on June 24 at the Bahay ng Alumni, UP Diliman.

Antonio M. Mabesa will be conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the theater and the arts.

Many other prominent professionals belong to this year's group of UP Golden Jubilarians. Among them are eight TOYM (Ten Outstanding Young Men) awardees, a former Supreme Court justice, four Rizal Pro Patria awardees, a Tofil (The Outstanding Filipino) awardee, four former Court of Appeals justices, and other well-known judiciary members, government officials, business executives, educators and heads of nongovernment organizations.

TOYM awardees

The TOYM awardees are Renato Marcos Labadan for agricultural sciences (1970), Bienvenido O. Juliano for science (1964), Cledualdo B. Perez for agriculture (1976), Dr. Augusto Litonjua for medicine (1962), Dr. Teodoro P. Nuguid for medicine-colon and rectal surgery (1966), Reynaldo J. Gregorio for economics and public administration (1966), Rodolfo T. Reyes for journalism (1961) and Dr. Vicente L. Jocson for medicine (1966).

Two other TOYM awardees belonging to Batch '56 have passed away. They were Dr. Ramon S. Ibay Jr. for pediatric surgery (1967) and Mario Zamora for cultural anthropology (1966).

The Rizal Pro Patria award, conferred by the President for outstanding contributions in the agricultural sciences, went to Valentino G. Argañosa for animal science, Bienvenido O. Juliano for cereal chemistry, Dolores A. Ramirez for plant genetics and Cledualdo B. Perez for agricultural research.

Dr. Juan C. Acosta received in 2004 the Tofil award for agriculture. The award was conceived by the Philippine Jaycees Society in 1988 to give recognition to men and women 41 years of age and over for their exemplary achievements.

Legal luminaries

The UP Law Class of '56 has the distinction of having the largest number of UP graduates passing the bar in a single year.

All '56 graduates passed the bar exams—a record that remains unmatched. Three members placed in the top 10, and seven made it to the top 20.

This year, 104 surviving members of the class will celebrate their golden jubilee.

Among the legal luminaries are former Supreme Court Justice Santiago Kapunan and Court of Appeals Justices Wenceslao Agnir Jr., Roman Barcelona, Ramon Mabutas Jr. and Ricardo Galves (deceased).

Also members of the class are Securities and Exchange Commission chair Fe Bordador-Barin, Rep. Roque Ablan of Ilocos Norte, former Defense Undersecretary Fernando Campos, former governors Juanito Remulla of Cavite and Mariano Un. Ocampo III of Tarlac, former land transportation board commissioner Godofredo Asuncion, Edilberto Barot, Santiago Dumlao Jr. and Mario Ongkiko.

Retired judges

Other members are retired regional trial court judge Lilia Lopez (the moving force in the establishment of the Pasay City Youth Home where detained children in conflict with the law are housed and cared for), Pilar Rodriguez-Trinidad and Florcita Flores (who organized and ran the Kabalikat ng Pamilyang Pilipino Foundation, which is engaged in population control issues and HIV/AIDS prevention).

Journalists

From the graduates of the UP College of Liberal Arts, Louie Beltran and Rod Reyes made names for themselves in journalism.

Beltran's "Straight from the Shoulder" program was a hit on TV. He served as UP dean of students in the '80s.

Reyes chalked up 50 years of experience in the print and broadcast media and became the press secretary of Presidents Fidel V. Ramos and Joseph Estrada.

The UP College of Nursing had only 33 graduates in 1956. Four have since died, 19 are in the United States and 10 have remained in the country.

Reminiscences

The Golden Jubilarians, reminiscing on campus experiences in the '50s, paid tribute to the tough tutelage of their professors.

At the same time, they looked back to a happy college life.

The nurses particularly recalled how they "got along incredibly well under barracks-like conditions in the Nurses Home of the Philippine General Hospital, with cramped quarters, low water pressure, curfew and lights out at 10 p.m."

P150 per semester

Ed Olaguer of Engineering Class '56, recalled that "inclusive of the P120 tuition, our total enrollment fees were in the vicinity of P150 a semester—a fresh college graduate's average salary at that time."

Oscar Evangelista recounted: "Freshmen did not go through the rigors of an entrance examination. A high school average grade in the 80s automatically qualified one to enter UP. High school honor graduates were given entrance scholarships. The whole country was well represented in the student body."

Correction

IN THE ARTICLE "Duque richest Cabinet man while Lotilla is poorest" on page 24 of the June 16 issue, the reference to "two-digit" and "single-digit" categories of Cabinet members should have read "two-digit millionaire" and "single-digit millionaire" categories.

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US renews travel alert on RP

WASHINGTON — The United States government on Friday renewed a travel warning for Americans in the Philippines, saying terrorist groups and radical insurgents were planning multiple attacks and Westerners were particularly vulnerable.

In a renewed warning that superseded a March 23 alert, the Department of State said it continued "to warn against all but essential travel throughout the country in light of heightened threats to Westerners."

Americans who choose to travel in the country should "remain aware of the continued potential for terrorist attacks, including those against US citizens.

"Terrorist groups, including the Jemaah Islamiyah and the Abu Sayyaf, continue to plan multiple attacks throughout the Philippines, as do some radical insurgents who have broken away from Moro groups," said the state department in a statement.

The southern island of Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago were particularly at risk of attack, it said. Mindanao and Sulu are the sites of a Muslim-inspired secessionist movement.

It noted that since security had been increased at official US facilities, terrorists might seek softer targets such as places where Americans and other Westerners lived, congregated, shopped or visited. *AFP*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, June 18, 2006
Body and Blood of Christ

Exodus 24:3-8

Covenant ratified

Moses came and told the people all the words of Yahweh and all his laws. The people replied with one voice: "Everything that Yahweh has said, we shall do."

Moses wrote down all the words of Yahweh, then rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve raised stones for the twelve tribes of Israel.

He then sent young men from among the sons of Israel to offer burnt offerings and sacrifice bullocks as peace offerings to Yahweh.

And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins; and with the other half of the blood he sprinkled the altar.

He then took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. They said, "All that Yahweh said we shall do and obey."

Moses then took the blood and sprinkled it on the people saying, "Here is the blood of the covenant that Yahweh has made with you in accordance with all these words."

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Blood of Christ

Christ has appeared as the high priest with regard to the good things of these new times. He passed through a sanctuary more noble and perfect, not made by hands, that is, not created. He did not take with himself the blood of goats and bulls but his own blood, when he entered once and for all into this sanctuary after obtaining definitive redemption. If the sprinkling of people defiled by sin with the blood of goats and bulls or with the ashes of a heifer provides them with exterior cleanness and holiness, how much more will it be with the blood of Christ? He, moved by the eternal Spirit, offered himself as an unblemished victim to God and his blood cleanses us from dead works, so that we may serve the living God.

So Christ is the mediator of a new covenant or testament. His death made atonement for the sins committed under the old testament, and the promise is handed over to all who are called to the everlasting inheritance.

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

New covenant

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the day when the Passover Lamb was killed, the disciples asked him, "Where would you have us go to prepare the Passover meal for you?"

So Jesus sent two of his disciples with these instructions, "Go into the city and there a man will come to you carrying a jar of water. Follow him to the house he enters and say to the owner, 'The Master says: Where is the room where I may eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' Then he will show you a large room upstairs, already arranged and furnished. There you will prepare for us." The disciples went off. When they reached the city, they found everything just as Jesus had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And he said, "Take this, it is my body." Then he took a cup and after he had given thanks, passed it to them and they all drank from it. And he said, "This is my blood, the blood of the Covenant, which is to be poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not taste the fruit of the vine again until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God."

After singing psalms of praise, they went out to the Hill of Olives.

Commentary

We are bound in a covenant of flesh and blood. The people of Israel proclaimed publicly that they would obey the word of God, and Moses sprinkles both the offerings to God and the people (who belong to God and are the real offerings) with the blood of the sacrifice. The blood binds them together in the book and the sacrifice. This is a faint image of the covenant of Jesus' word in flesh and blood, and sacrifice that binds us forever to God and to one another in Word/Scripture and bread and wine, the flesh and blood of Jesus, the Body of Christ the Crucified and Risen Lord. This is the mystery of our binding to God the Father in Jesus in the power of the Spirit. Here we dwell with God and once we eat and drink we are to be that covenant together in the world.

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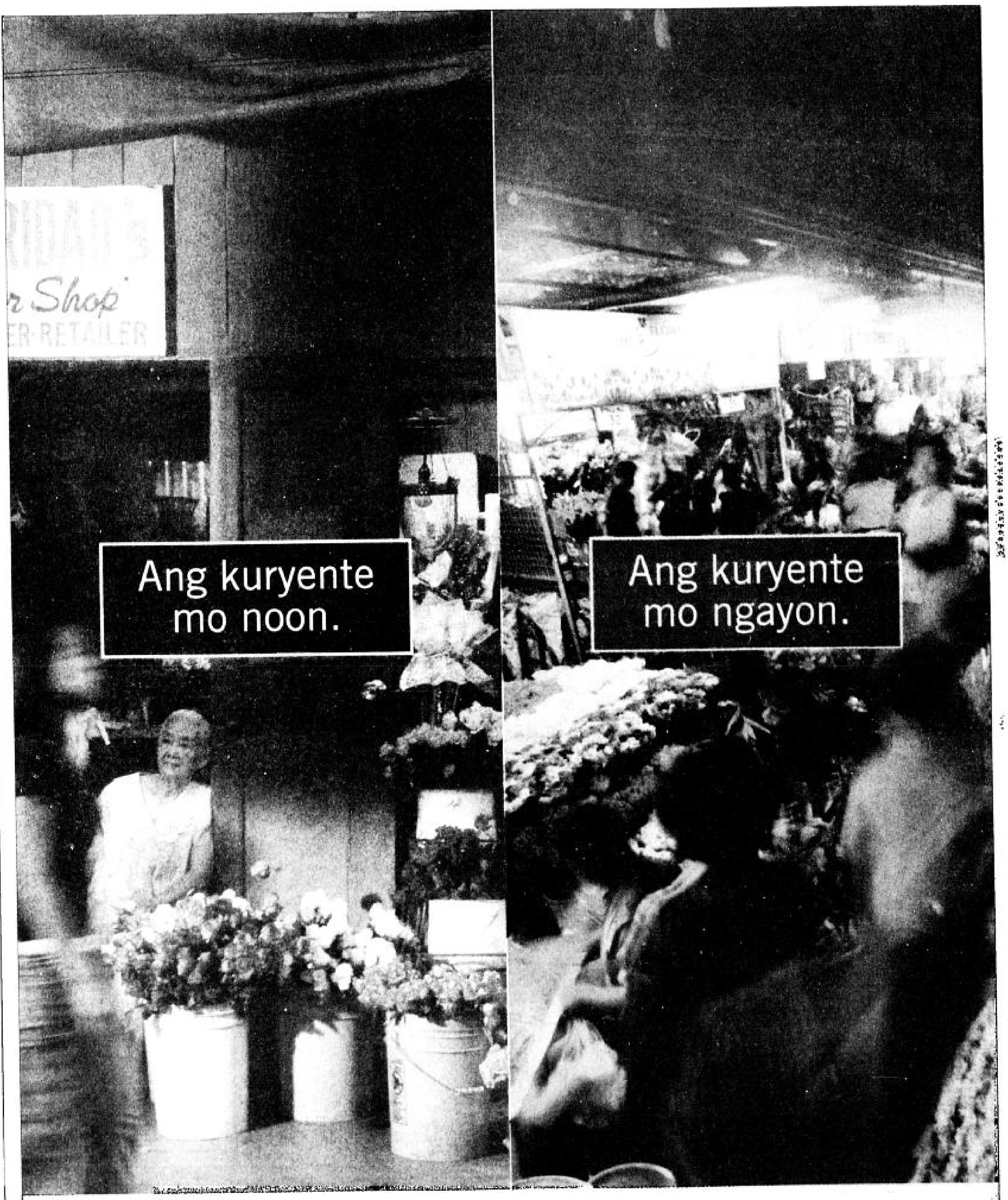

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thopedic boat" was immediately appealing because access to remote areas had always posed a problem.

It was not an abrupt idea, but once it jelled, it was rushed through the process to allow HI to seek the necessary grants, Gobin said.

The idea emerged from the extensive surveys that the staff had conducted on PWDs in remote areas, most of whom live below the poverty line and are thus deprived of rehabilitation services.

An ambulatory service was initially considered but for some reason was shelved. A conventional orthopedic center with a building, equipment and machinery was also studied.

But members of the HI staff preferred something that would allow them to move from one area to another, and spend some time in each. (Actually, a relief boat is not an entirely novel concept in the Philippines. Decades back, after all, there was a hospital ship in Tawi-tawi, Sulu.)

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3 factors

Three factors were considered for the Hilwai project—location, cost and delivery of services.

In recounting how the project came about, Gobin cited the story of a 12-year-old girl who had lost her right leg in a vehicular accident.

The girl's parents could not send her to a rehabilitation center because they lived too far away and could not afford the transportation costs.

But the family members persevered in raising the money for the fare. They were able to do so only after six years, and the girl was finally brought to the center.

By then, however, deformity had set in and the rehabilitation process took longer than it should have.

Rodel Magbanua, HI project manager in Cotabato City, gave the project its name. Gobin wrote the proposal for the World Bank that qualified the project for funding.

Through the Philippine Development Innovation Marketplace category, the Hilwai project received a substantial grant—P4.8 million to finance the boat's construction and maintenance, and P2.2 million for yearly operations.

A RESIDENT of Masbate walks tall with his new artificial leg.

'Baby'

Beaming, Gobin talked about the "good deal" he got from the management of Herma shipyard in Mariveles, Bataan.

The engineers built a boat strong enough to survive the Philippines' volatile weather conditions. At one point, they called it "Baby," it being the first time they built a mission boat.

The specifications were: Full equipment with a workshop floor area of 22 square meters; engine and stock room with complete machines and tools for making assistive devices; two smaller boats on standby to be used for even remoter places; state-of-the-art navigational system such as GPS, tracker and radar; life rafts, jackets, extinguishers and basic facilities for the staff of eight (Villaganas, two physical therapists, a community social worker, an occupational therapist, a logistics man, a nurse and a doctor).

Hilwai even made a historic trip to Banda Aceh, Indonesia, in December 2004 to help in the international effort to bring relief to victims of the deadly tsunami.

In reality, Hilwai represents PWDs moving around freely, overcoming social and environmental barriers.

It operates within the context of the United Nations Convention on "the promotion and protection of the rights and dignity of [PWDs]."

It abides by the UN slogan that "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

A normal life

If most PWDs cope by accepting their lot, this is because they believe in Divine Providence, or that karma "or something close to it" is at work, said Romulo Timbal, a resident of Barangay Oasu, San Juan, Southern Leyte.

Like other beneficiaries, Timbal, 47, received an artificial left leg two weeks after the Hilwai staff evaluated his case.

He lost his real leg in 1995 while working in a furniture shop in Caloocan City.

Burdened by a hard life in Manila, he headed home to San Juan with his wife Felipa and their five children in tow.

Timbal himself designed his first artificial leg of palo china; later he made one using the hardwood *lawa-an*.

When he saw the artificial leg Hilwai had made for him, Timbal looked up at the sky and thanked God for the blessing.

But he found room to crack a joke: "There's something bouncing in this leg." He could not imagine that his prayers had been answered.

"Normal life once more," he whispered.

'Lipay, lipay'

Rogelio Anajao of Barangay Calian was assailed by a similar emotion.

The 45-year-old fisherman got the surprise of his life one Monday afternoon when the Hilwai staff presented to him his artificial right leg.

Anajao gasped for breath and became so tearful that his speech was hardly audible.

"*Lipay, lipay* (happy, happy)," he said repeatedly. Then he clasped his hands to his chest, rolled his eyes upward, and let loose a deep sigh.

He had been walking with the aid of a wooden crutch for 30 years—a classic village story of sharks and men searching for food in the vast expanse of the sea.

As Anajao paced to and fro on his artificial leg, the crowd roared with delight.

It may be too soon to make plans, he said, but among these were to plow his rice field, seek employment in a bag factory—and play basketball.

Mainstay in Western Visayas

Asked why the Hilwai project seemed to be a "mainstay" in Western Visayas (and hopefully soon in Mindanao), Gobin could only shrug.

He explained: "There are few rehabilitation professionals in these areas. The poverty level is so low that PWDs have no access to any existing centers. Like in Masbate, a lot of small islands hamper assistance, and there are no field personnel to do the work for whatever reasons.

"Our moral obligation is to know we are [producing] substantial results. We believe that a normal life is a vital component of a quality future...

"For Hilwai to successfully function, its staff has modified some of its operations. It maintains independence from any party. And it does not leave its work undone."

Vital to Hilwai is coordination with local government units. Its social workers are in close touch with local residents.

Implementing projects by itself is rarely done, because it prefers to involve the locals for turnover purposes.

In areas of diverse backgrounds, Hilwai maintains a "no comment" stance. As a policy, it provides services regardless of creed, code and customs.

Harmony

"We try to make sure that we are warmly welcomed by the locals and that harmony prevails. But we can never be identified with anyone," Gobin said.

He added: "We also break from the perception that PWDs cannot participate in community activities. They can be integrated into the mainstream given the proper orientation.

"Do you have to be disabled to care for the rights of PWDs? Do you need to be in jail to care for the rights of prisoners?

"If we don't do it, who would?"

Paul McCartney at 64 . . .

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born in Liverpool in 1942, the average life expectancy of a British infant boy was 63 years. Notwithstanding those expectations and the greatly exaggerated rumors of his death years ago, McCartney is another year older today, Father's Day.

He was a teenager when he wrote the tune for "When I'm Sixty-Four," and only 24 when the Beatles recorded it in 1967 for "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

But just as George Orwell's "1984" proved to be an abiding prophecy of a worst-case scenario of the future for so many impressionable readers, McCartney's lyrics delivered to a self-consciously youthful generation an enduring if satirical definition of what their golden age might be like "many years from now."

Missing the mark

Today, many of those who embraced that quaint vision of enduring love, caring, knitting and puttering in retirement—"Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 64?"—couldn't have been more wrong.

And judging by his personal life, McCartney missed the mark, too. The song's promise of retirement with a longtime partner has proved, at best, bittersweet for him. Last month, he announced his separation from his second wife, Heather Mills, who is 38.

"Will you still need me?" indeed.

Since 1967, American divorce rates per capita have more than doubled (three-quarters of men married in the late 1950s celebrated their 20th wedding anniversaries with their first wife, compared with about half who married in the early 1970s).

Americans live longer today. They also age more slowly, or so they say.

Yet the song still resonates. According to most accounts, McCartney wrote the lyrics for his father (his mother had died of breast cancer when he was 13) and the song was recorded not long after the elder McCartney turned 64.

"While it may have been done tongue in cheek," said Bruce Spizer, a Beatles biographer, "life began to imitate art."

Wife of 29 years

McCartney's first wife, Linda, died in 1998 at 56, of breast cancer; they had been married 29 years.

"The bliss of being with a lifelong partner, as expressed in 'When I'm Sixty-Four,' was shattered by Linda's tragic death," Spizer said. "The little things expressed in the song, such as working the garden and going for a Sunday morning drive, were part of his life with Linda." *New York Times News Service*

It wasn't easy for Rizal to be . . .

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born with superpowers and destined to be a hero.

Rizal, however, was human. He had weaknesses and was vulnerable to temptation. He became a hero only because he was able to rise above the common rank.

To begin with, Rizal was born with a physical oddity—he had an oversized head and an undersized body. He was also frail and sickly. As a child he was rather aloof. He preferred to observe things than play with boys his age. He grew up to be less than five feet tall.

While most people would consider these physical shortcomings drawbacks, Rizal saw them as challenges. He was obsessed with stories of strong men.

When an uncle, who was into physical fitness, came to live with them in Calamba, six-year-old Rizal became interested in sports and athletics. He learned to swim and to ride a horse. He took long walks with his uncle.

In time, Rizal became robust and healthy and followed a fitness regimen all his life. While journeying through Europe, one of the first places he would visit was a gymnasium.

Rizal also excelled in sharpshooting and fencing. His reputation as being skilled with revolvers and swords was probably why the Spaniard Wenceslao Retana decided to apologize for remarks he made about Rizal's parents rather than risk being challenged by the national hero to a duel. After all, it was bruited about that not only could Rizal write his name on the walls using bullets, he did it with extreme calm.

In exile

Like many Filipinos who loved games of chance, Rizal, according to writer Austin Coates, had a penchant for lotteries. During his early days of exile in Dapitan, he shared a lottery ticket with his warden, Ricardo Carnicero, who was a Dipolog resident.

In September 1892, they were lucky enough to win second prize. Rizal, instead of spending his share of the winnings, bought a seaside farm in Talisay, his *retiro* (retirement) home, which he turned into a working plantation.

Rizal's life in Talisay was useful and peaceful but it hid the gathering turmoil in his soul. Although he kept himself busy, there was little excitement and glory in the life of an exile. When his child by Josephine died after birth, Rizal felt that his world had stood still. He became despondent, descending into that "solitude of the soul" where thoughts of failure nearly broke his spirit.

The break-up

When Rizal was in Europe, disappointments tormented him, particularly at the end of 1890 and early 1891. During this period, he received a letter from Leonor Rivera breaking off their engagement. Rizal cried like a baby and thought he was going mad. Then he learned that his family and other Calamba farmers had been thrown out of their homes. Rizal felt frustrated and powerless.

He also had a falling out with Marcelo H. del Pilar over the drawn-out elections for *Responsable* and the leadership of the Filipino cause in Europe. Rizal compared their differences to "the grudges slaves harbor against each other as they argue the merits of their chains."

Piqued and frustrated, Rizal wrote Del Pilar: The "(s)cratches from a friend hurt more than wounds from an enemy."

Rizal experienced pain, despair, irritation and loneliness—cuts from life that wounds us all the same way.

Go it alone

Most people think Rizal was perfect in every respect. Yet, there were doubts that he was not an effective organizer. In 1884, he easily convinced Filipino students in Madrid to contribute essays for a book that would expose the real problems of the Philippines from different perspectives. A project of this nature needed an astute and tolerant organizer. Rizal had a great idea but lacked the disposition of an effective and patient organizer to pull the project together and make it fly. Exasperated, he decided to go it alone and wrote "Noli Me Tangere."

Rizal's split with Del Pilar in 1892 (they were the pillars of La Solidaridad, the mouthpiece of the Reform Movement) could be seen as an example of the national hero's impatience with the process of managing conflicting views and clashing personalities.

Rizal always led by example and when unity was not forthcoming, his reaction was to go it alone.

On women

Rizal was attracted to women as they were attracted to him. He was romantically linked with quite a few, namely, Segunda Katigbak, Leonor Valenzuela, Leonor Rivera, O-Sei-San, Consuelo Ortiga y Perez, Gertrude Beckett, Suzanne Jacoby, Nelly Boustead and Josephine Bracken.

In spite of his affairs with women, however, Rizal was single-minded in the pursuit of his life-long goal. History tells us that the man with a mission must be able, at any given moment, to turn his back on love and live a life of sacrifice and chastity.

Rizal did just that.

When he finally decided to live with Josephine Bracken as his wife, it was on the premise that his exile had ended his mission and so chastity was no longer needed for the kind of life that Dapitan offered.

Heroic choices

And when the "sacrificial cup" had to be quaffed at last in Bagumbayan, the events that led to his execution came rather swiftly. There were hardly any long intervals when chastity could have caused untold distress between him and Josephine. By then, any tension between sacrifice and chastity had been largely spent by the pressure of certain martyrdom.

Rizal, therefore, was just as human as we are; he was vulnerable to pain, emotions and difficult choices.

Asuncion Lopez-Bantug, granddaughter of Rizal's sister Narcisa, summed it best: "(T)he young must be made to realize that Rizal was once like them, like all of us, flesh and blood, prone to weaknesses and temptations. But unlike most of them, he knew how to overcome them… I want the young to know that it wasn't all that easy for Rizal to become a hero."

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Study IUD use before banning it, DOH urged

By Edwin O. Fernandez
PDI Mindanao Bureau

COTABATO CITY—HEALTH practitioners and at least four legislators are urging the Department of Health to hold public consultations before it decides whether or not to ban the use, importation and sale of intrauterine devices (IUD).

A pro-life party-list group, the Abay Pamilya Foundation (APF) has sought a ban on IUD use claiming that it is an abortifacient and poses a serious threat to women's health.

Based on the APF proposal, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III asked Schering Philippines to submit a comment on the proposed ban. Schering is the leading manufacturer of copper T IUD.

Health practitioners, who include nurses, doctors and midwives, said Duque could not order a ban on the use of the device because of a proposal from a single group and urged the DOH to conduct hearings where a wider range of views on IUD use could be aired.

"If the DOH decision is to stand the test of transparency and accountability, the voices of other stakeholders must be heard. As health practitioners who have been dispensing the IUD as an integral part of preventive health services, we are registering our interest in joining such a hearing," the health practitioners under the Likhaan women's health group said in a letter to Duque.

They said they had prescribed and administered the IUD and had witnessed how the method had "helped women and their families' have the children they wanted and could afford."

The letter, a copy of which was given to the INQUIRER, was also signed by four legislators— Representatives Ferjenel Biron and Janette Garin of Iloilo, Eduardo Firmalo of Romblon and Emilio Macias of Negros Oriental.

Likhaan, led by its executive director Dr. Junice Lirza Melgar, said the continued use of the copper T IUD today by half a million Filipino women was a testament to its safety and suitability.

The device could not be considered an abortifacient, it said.

"The IUD works predominantly before the meeting of the egg and the sperm, so there's no conception yet," the letter said.

Russel Solitario, program director of the Philippine NGO Council on Population, Health and Welfare, said medical experts considered the IUD among the safest and most effective family planning methods.

She said the World Health Organization had included it in its list of 312 "essential drugs."

"Modern IUDs are among the safest contraceptive methods today with more than 150 million women users worldwide, making it the second most popular method in the world, after sterilization," Solitario said in a phone interview.

She said that IUDs were 99 percent effective with long duration of action, from five to at least 10 years for the several brands currently in the market.

Because of their long life span, IUDs require fewer visits to health providers, which means fewer expenses, time and effort spent, she said.

Solitario said that based on a 2004 Family Planning Survey, four percent of married women in the Philippines used the IUD.

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SC affirms bank closure 29 years ago

By Armand N. Nocum

THE SUPREME COURT THURSDAY AFfirmed the legality of the Central Bank's resolutions ordering the closure of General Bank and Trust Company (Genbank) due to unsound banking practices 29 years ago.

In a 26-page decision penned by Associate Justice Cancio Garcia, the high court junked the petition filed by Genbank seeking to set aside the 1999 decision of the Court of Appeals (CA) upholding its liquidation.

In that ruling, the appellate court reversed and set aside the Dec. 2, 1992, decision of Manila Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 37 ordering the Central Bank to restore the license of Genbank, which had 23 branches and one extension office.

'Arbitrary and bad faith'

The Manila RTC had declared that Monetary Board (MB) Resolution No. 675, which ordered the closure of Genbank, and MB Resolution No. 677 adopting the Lucio Tan's group bid as a liquidation plan of Genbank as "arbitrary" and made in "bad faith."

In its motion for reconsideration filed before the SC, Genbank argued that the appellate court erred when it ruled that it was insolvent, thus paving the way for its closure and eventual liquidation.

Asset surplus

Genbank said its assets at the time MB Resolution No. 675 was issued stood at P599.7 million while its total liabilities amounted to P586.6 million, thus it still had P13.1 million more in assets than liabilities by 1977.

Likewise, Genbank contended that the CA committed a mistake when it held that the property rights of the bank were not trampled upon although the Central Bank "maliciously and arbitrarily and in bad faith" ordered its closure on March 25, 1977.

However, the Court said that the CA did not commit errors that would warrant the reversal of the Dec. 6, 1999, decision favoring the Central Bank.

Genbank was ordered closed in 1977 after the Central Bank declared it insolvent for its inability "to pay its liabilities."

Liquidity problems

The high tribunal stressed that the CB found Genbank "undoubtedly incapable to generate liquid funds by itself in order to meet drawdowns on its deposits and deposit substitutes and to pay for other maturing obligations as well as advances from the Central Bank."

Based on the findings, Genbank's liquid assets amounted to only P33.5 million. On the other hand, its total deposit and deposit substitutes which had to be paid amounted to P269.6 million. Its total advances from the CB amounted to P300.9 million, of which P252 million was payable on demand.

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Bishop questions ₱1-B boost to anti-Red drive

By Leila B. Salaverria

A ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP yesterday questioned the government's allocation of P1 billion to buy more equipment to fight the communist insurgency, warning that a wider war could endanger more civilian lives.

Instead, the money should be used to combat poverty, according to Caloocan Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez, who heads the public affairs office of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines.

Iñiguez said that while he agreed that the problem of the insurgency should be solved, fighting fire with fire would not do it.

"We should remove the insurgency that is in favor of violence but ... the solution is not violence against violence," Iñiguez told reporters at the Pondo ng Pinoy anniversary at La Salle Green Hills.

Real solution

"The solution is to do what was done in the peace talks, which is to trace the roots of why there is the NPA (New People's Army) and the NDF (National Democratic Front), and that is what we should all address."

Iniguez also questioned the wisdom behind allocating a big amount of money to buy equipment to fight rebels.

"Does such a big amount deserve to be allocated for that reason, given the state of the country," he said.

Danger to civilians

The National Statistics Office said recently that the number of unemployed workers had risen to 2.93 million from 2.91 million, even though the unemployment rate declined slightly this year.

Iñiguez expressed concern about the effects of stepped-up military operations on civilians.

"If you fight violence with violence, you will only beget violence and we fear that many would be affected and endangered in the crossfire," Iñiguez said.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER: PMA Class of 2010 Cadet Reyna Ventura poses for a souvenir photo with her father T/Sgt. Pepe Ventura, who plays the bass horn in the PMA band, during the incorporation of the class at Fort del Pilar, Baguio City.

286 new PMA cadets honor their fathers

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36 are female officer candidates.

Tougher, smarter

According to PMA officials, most of the aspiring cadets who applied for the academy's annual entrance examinations came from low- and middle-income families.

"It's common for Filipinos of this [economic standing] to look to the military as a way of alleviating their poverty," a PMA evaluation report said.

But regardless of their financial history, most of the PMA aspirants in the last few years were proving to be tougher, smarter and more reliable than the previous batches of candidates, Solomon said.

He said the cadets' fathers were just beginning to realize the importance of their children's career choices.

Band player

Pepe Ventura is a member of the PMA brass band, where he spent 30 years of his life playing marching tunes to raise five children.

"I was always a band player. I play the bass horn. I joined marching bands in my community in Tubao, La Union, because I needed the scholarship. So we toured, and each of us got paid P1.50 for every engagement in the 1970s," he recalled.

Ventura said one of his performances caught the eye of a military recruiter, who invited him to sign up with the Army so he could play for a military marching band.

His first assignment was to play the bass horn at Camp Capinpin in Tanay, Rizal.

But not one of his children found a similar attraction to music.

Ventura said his eldest child, Philip, 18, was still searching for a better life.

As for Rayna, he said, she decided that the PMA was her future and forthwith quit her accountancy course in a Baguio university.

Retirement in 2010

He said his other daughters (Maria Cecilia, 15; Jennifer, 13, and Aurran Lea, 9) had shown an inclination to follow in their elder sister's footsteps.

"I will retire in 2010 when Rayna graduates," Ventura said, adding that it would reduce the chances of a father saluting his daughter.

However, he said, he was certain that his official life and Rayna's cadet life would still be intertwined in the meantime because of his music.

The PMA band performs regularly during tours; it serves as back-up to the silent drill performances of the cadets.

Rayna and her siblings grew up at the academy and studied at the Fort del Pilar Elementary School.

"She was always around during the weekly silent drills I played [the horn] for," Ventura said.

"She always told me she wanted to be part of the drill, so maybe she has a chance to do something that is close to my heart also," he said.

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FATHER AND SON: Incoming Cadet Christopher Tobias makes it a special day for his father Manolo.

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Palparan widens military drive in Central Luzon

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Pedro Cabuay Jr., head of the Southern Luzon Command, said the Malacañang timetable was doable.

"As a matter of fact, that's my timetable for Solcom that we set last year—to wipe out the communist insurgency in the Southern Tagalog and Bicol regions in two or three years," Cabuay said in a phone interview.

Leftwing lawmaker Rep. Rafael Mariano of Anakpawis said Ms Arroyo's move effectively killed the already moribund peace talks between the government and the rebels, while exiled Communist Party of the Philippines founder Jose Ma. Sison said it showed Ms Arroyo was suffering from "extreme signs of hysteria."

No Philippine president has succeeded in vanquishing the NPA since it was established 37 years ago. The war has claimed more than 40,000 lives in that span.

The rebels last year closed the door to the resumption of peace talks when they declared they would rather negotiate with a new president.

Massive military presence

Palparan said that with Ms Arroyo's announcement of more funds forthcoming, he expected to receive increased logistical support.

He said support for his troops could come in the form of improving their mobility and access to sensitive areas.

"I want a massive coverage of the area, hopefully to include every barangay," he said, adding that his immediate needs were pump boats and more handheld radio sets.

The food allowances of soldiers should be augmented, too, to sustain them in their activities in villages, he said.

Palparan met on Friday with officials of 44 barangays in Lubao to coordinate his expanded campaign following intelligence reports that between 15 and 20 coastal villages in Lubao town were under the influence of the NPA and the leftist breakaway group Rebolusyonaryong Hukbong Bayan.

More troops deployed

"[This is] more of an information drive against the evils that insurgency brings," Palparan said, adding that he was setting up temporary detachments in the rebel-influenced villages.

Last week, Palparan deployed about 500 troops in San Fernando, Angeles and Mabalacat in Pampanga, and in Malolos, Bulacan, Obando, Hagonoy, Pandi and Sta. Maria in Bulacan. Detachments were established in 57 villages in those areas.

In Camp Nakar, General Cabuay conceded that crushing the communist apparatus in the Palace-set time frame was a tall order but it could be done.

"If we can wipe out at least 70 percent of the NPA operations in Southern Luzon, especially its combat component, within that prescribed period, I can consider that a significant victory," the Solcom chief said.

On the run

He said his men had been inching toward that goal by assaulting enemy lairs and launching combat operations.

Since the start of this year, Cabuay said Solcom troops had killed 36 NPA rebels, captured 28 and caused 17 to surrender.

"My men have also overrun several NPA camps in Southern Tagalog and Bicol regions. The enemies are now always on the run," Cabuay claimed.

Not just a military problem

Army chief Lt. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon said the military would announce shortly its plans for the additional funding.

"We have a lot of needs to fill up in the AFP," said Col. Tristan Kison, head of the military's public information office.

AFP spokesperson Maj. Gen. Jose Honrado said: "Insurgency is not only a military problem. It cannot be licked by the use of force alone."

In March, AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Generoso Senga complained that the military's budget was insufficient to fund its operations.

Like other government agencies, about 90 percent of the AFP's budget goes to the salaries of its 120,000 personnel. Under the proposed budget for 2006, about P40 billion is allotted to the Department of National Defense, the bulk of which is to go to the AFP.

Highly ambitious plan

Representative Mariano said Ms Arroyo's hardline stance doomed the peace talks.

"Ms Arroyo totally shut the door to the peaceful resolution of the armed conflict," he said in a text message.

"It is highly ambitious for Ms Arroyo to defeat the CPP-NPA and do in two years what four other regimes failed to accomplish in almost four decades," Mariano said.

Mariano said it would be cheaper for the government to go back to the peace table rather than spend a huge amount of money for war.

"The people, not Hueys and other attack helicopters, are more decisive in the ongoing civil war. Ms Arroyo is wasting taxpayers' money for war instead of addressing worsening poverty and hunger," he said.

In a statement from his exile in the Netherlands, Sison said that since the Marcos dictatorship, the Armed Forces and the police had received billions of pesos but failed to destroy the CPP and the NPA.

"Gloria M. Arroyo, the fake president, is apparently under the strain of her political isolation and is exhibiting extreme signs of hysteria by proclaiming that she can destroy the revolutionary movement in the next one or two years by simply providing the AFP and the PNP with more funds and arms," Sison said.

"A just and lasting peace cannot be achieved with a regime that is obsessed with seeking to destroy the revolutionary movement," he said.

Malacañang said the public was fed up with the communist insurgency.

"The people have seen enough of the terror perpetrated by the revolutionary movement through ambuscades and assassinations of civilians and acts of harassment and extortion mounted against business firms," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said.

Bunye also said the recent filing of criminal cases against Sison over alleged atrocities committed by the rebels were meant "to constrict the influence of (their) leaders here and abroad."

With reports from Norman Bordadora, Dona Pazzibugan and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

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dress" the problem of the armed conflict posed by the Communist Party of the Philippines and its army, the NPA, "through clearing and holding operations and programs to defend communities, protect the people and secure vital installations and national assets."

Sison founded the CPP in December 1968. Four months later, in March 1969, Bernabe Buscayno (Kumander Dante) and other comrades formed the CPP's armed wing, the NPA. At its founding, the NPA had less than 100 members with even fewer guns—about 35.

Peak strength

The NPA reached a peak of 25,200 members with 15,500 weapons in 1987. Latest military estimates place the NPA membership at just 7,000 fighters with some 6,000 weapons.

The first of the government's four counterinsurgency master plans was drawn up in 1981, when Marcos launched Oplan Katatagan, a much-vaunted campaign to win hearts and minds in the countryside.

Focus on Marcos survival

In 1981, the NPA strength was at 6,000 fighters with 2,540 firearms, according to military estimates.

Instead of crushing the rebels, Katatagan even drove more people to the insurgency, with the NPA growing to 24,430 members with 12,120 firearms in 1986.

Prof. Carolina Hernandez, in her paper "Institutional Responses to Armed Conflict: Armed Forces of the Philippines," said that Oplan Katatagan failed because it was "focused on the defense of the state, personified in Marcos" and not really on the people's welfare, a primary consideration in national security.

Cory's plan

Following the ouster of Marcos in February 1986, the Aquino administration adopted Oplan Mamayan, a strategy of national reconciliation and development centered on the people.

Hernandez said Mamayan also failed because the militarists in the Aquino administration, who wanted a role in politics, prevailed.

NPA strength reached its all-time high of 25,200 members during the Aquino administration.

In 1988, Mamayan was replaced by Oplan Lambat Bitag, a strategy that again viewed counterinsurgency as an "armed struggle."

Lambat Bitag would also be adopted by Ramos in 1992.

Victory was illusory

Using psywar, combat and socioeconomic development approaches, Lambat Bitag earned successes in the early '90s, bringing down the NPA membership to a low of 6,025 in 1992 and prompting the military to even declare a "strategic victory" over the insurgents.

But the gains proved to be temporary.

In 1998, the military noted a resurgence in CPP-NPA activities, with the NPA membership surging to 16,616 fighters.

SC blocks dismissal of lifestyle check 'flunker'

By Armand N. Nocum

THE SUPREME COURT HAS stopped the Department of Public Works and Highways from enforcing an Ombudsman order dismissing Undersecretary Salvador Pleyto, one of the first ranking officials to fall in the government's lifestyle check.

With the temporary restraining order issued by the court's first division Friday, Pleyto "gets to keep his old job for the time being," a press statement issued by the high tribunal's public information office said.

"Acting on the urgent manifestation of the petitioner..., the court further resolves to issue a temporary restraining order enjoining the secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways to refrain from implementing" the dismissal order of the Ombudsman, said the two-page court order.

The Ombudsman, who had accused Pleyto of amassing P16.6 million worth of property, had ordered the latter's dismissal on June 28, 2004, affirming this four months later on Oct. 12, after it threw out Pleyto's motion for reconsideration.

P50,000 bond

The high court, in a resolution signed by First Division Clerk of Court Enriqueta Esguerra-Vidal, also ordered Pleyto to post a P50,000 cash or surety bond within five days of the issuance of the court's order.

Pleyto filed a petition for review in the Supreme Court on Oct. 25, 2005, after the Court of Appeals affirmed the Ombudsman's dismissal order following the undersecretary's supposed failure to explain his "treasure trove."

Failed to explain

The CA also denied Pleyto's request to be allowed to "correct his statement of assets and liabilities and net worth (SALN) before he should be held administratively liable."

Pleyto made the request after Ombudsman and Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) investigators found that he had not only failed to explain his accumulation of P16.6 million in property, but he had also failed to declare most of it in his 2001 and 2002 SALN.

Pleyto, in a petition for review he filed earlier in the CA, said the Ombudsman had "gravely erred" when it concluded that the value of the properties he allegedly registered in the name of his wife and children was "grossly disproportionate to his lawful income."

In an earlier interview, Pleyto said the properties were not illegally acquired since his wife, Miguela, had a successful piggery, poultry and lending business since 1993. He said they also had a flourishing lending business and pawnshop since 1995.

He said it was Miguela, not him, who acquired the real properties in Bulacan by purchase, bank loans, inheritance and foreclosures in their lending business.

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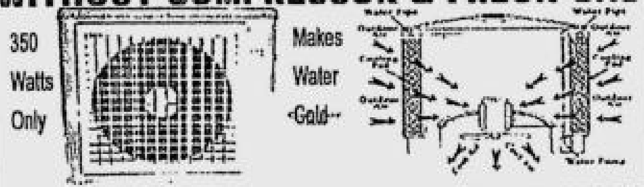

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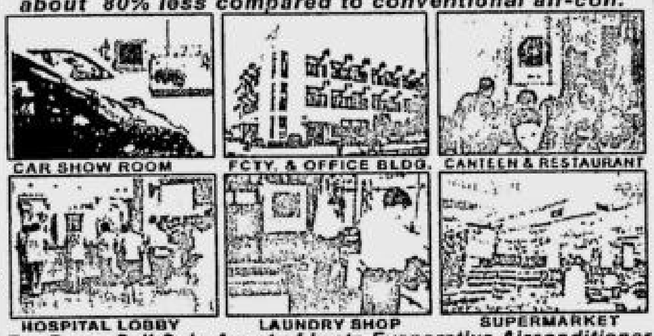

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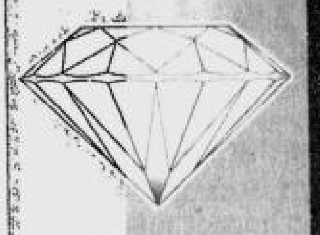

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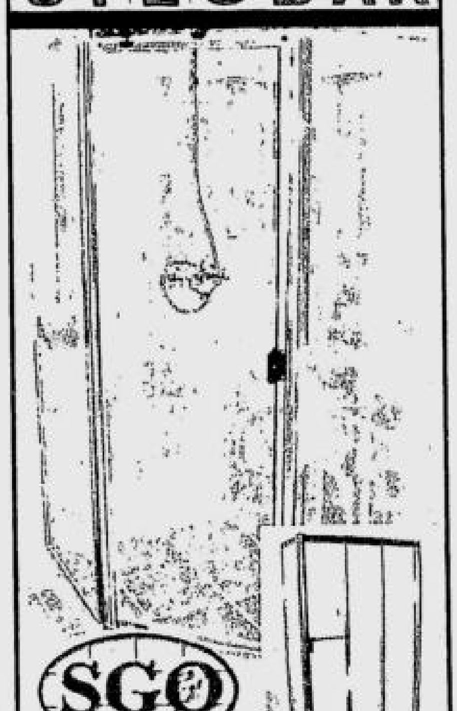

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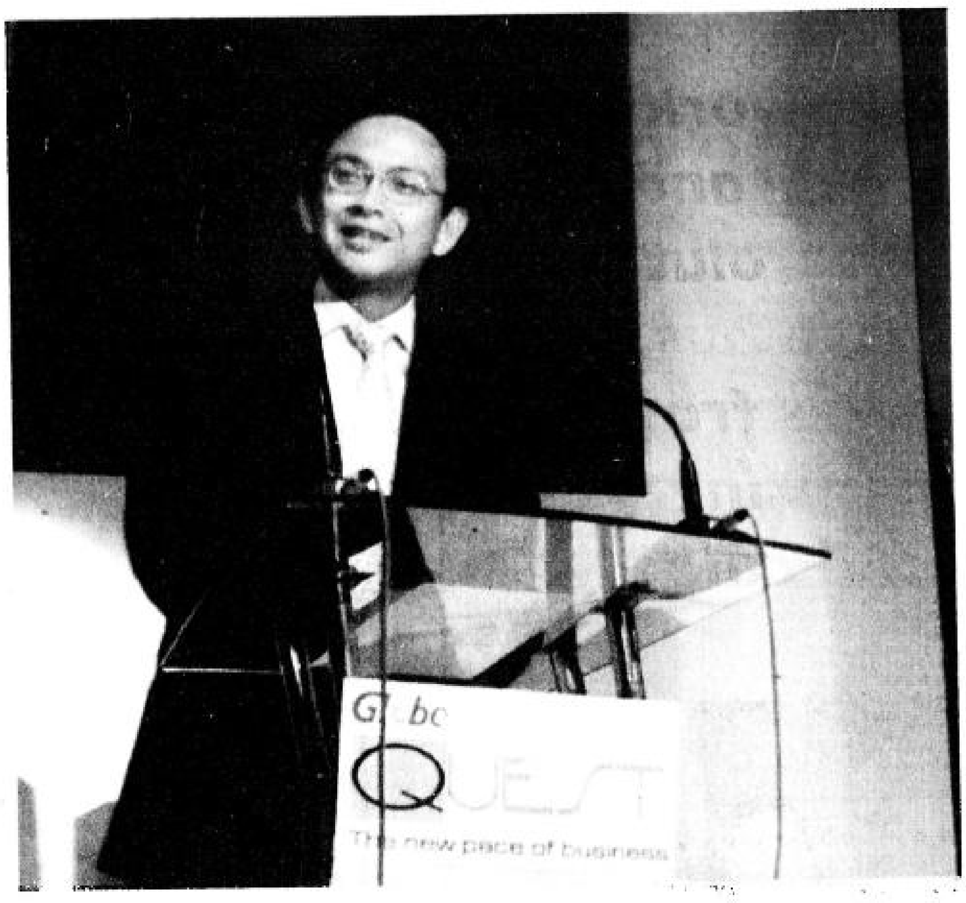
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At left: Gil Genio, CEO of Innove Communications, proudly introduces GlobeQUEST ICON, the latest innovation from his company. Above: Boboy Romero smiles with Sharon Cortez of GlobeSolutions, Fred Garcia of Analog Devices and Armi Malaluan of GlobeSolutions.

GlobeQUEST unveils a new ICON

GlobeQUEST, the corporate arm of Innove Communications, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Globe Telecom, launched its biggest innovation, a new and more powerful network that embodies multiple advancements in technology called the IP-Converged Optical Network, or ICON. This revolutionary new offering uses multi-protocol label switching (MPLS) and IP as its core technologies.

With the enhanced network, GlobeQUEST further expands its range of offerings and solutions for the enterprise market.

During the event, a performer displays the power and flexibility ICON readily gives to its consumers.

The Enterprise, Enlightened

Titled "The Enterprise, Enlightened," the launch series treated key company executives and IT managers to a lunch-to-dinner half-day affair.

The theme of the event likened the workings of the modern enterprise to the workings of the human body. It portrayed the advanced mind-body discipline of yoga to depict GlobeQUEST ICONs' powerful new features and benefits, providing the flexibility, resiliency and scalability that enterprises need in their networks. Thus, GlobeQUEST ICON was established as the next evolutionary step in network systems technology.

The first part of event was a series of sessions that provided in-depth information about network technologies, specifically on MPLS and IP VPN, emerging applications such as VOIP on enterprise networks; and customer case studies that showed audiences real life business situations.

While the sessions showed network infrastructures and capabilities in great detail, they also proved engaging to the audience—composed mostly of tech experts from prominent companies across different industries.

The diversity of industries the guests represented also proved illustrative of GlobeQUEST ICON's anticipated impact on the business community. With applications in industries as diverse as banking, retail and business process outsourcing, GlobeQUEST ICON is seen as a big step in the evolution of network technology—one that has the enormous potential to affect the future of even the largest organizations.

Dinner followed after the sessions, where the new network was heralded by dancers incorporating traditional yoga poses into a high-energy number. After an audio-visual presentation that outlined how GlobeQUEST's latest achievement would lead to peace of mind for any enterprise, the show yielded to a short skit which, in the true spirit of convergence, starred theater talents alongside real GlobeQUEST engineers, and head of the Enterprise Business Group, Mr. Jesus "Boboy" Romero himself.

The short demonstration proved the true highlight of the launch for the audience. Many of the viewers may even have identified closely with the star of the skit: an engineer who tested the robustness of the new network by managing transmissions of real-time traffic, such as video streams and applications. The cheerful, dependable character of an engineer—played onstage by a real-life GlobeQUEST engineer—also evoked warm laughter. Jesus Romero himself also demonstrated the fast recovery feature of GlobeQUEST ICON. The entire demonstration clearly shows and proves how the network can change the way enterprises run and implement their networks.

Cocoy Claraval, Head of GlobeQUEST Applications Solutions and Delivery Group talks about the latest developments, while Jojo Abudancia, Regional Product Manager of Avaya Singapore, gives a talk on VoIP on MPLS-Enterprise network.

By the end of the skit, guests were afforded some understanding of the new technology from a business perspective. More importantly, GlobeQUEST ICON's promise of reliability was not just made, but clearly proven.

In his message to guests, Innove Communications CEO Gil B. Genio offered a broad view of the advantages of the new network. In a release last week, Mr. Genio provided the overarching perspective: "This network enhancement has far-reaching and broad implications, resulting in a revolutionary improvement in enterprise business operations in all industries from retail to banking, manufacturing, logistics, BPOs and call centers," Mr. Genio said, ending with a statement that combined hard commitment and breathless excitement: "And this new network is now ready to serve you."

Guests from varied industries and businesses listen intently to the different speakers.

A short skit demonstrated the different features of GlobeQUEST ICON.

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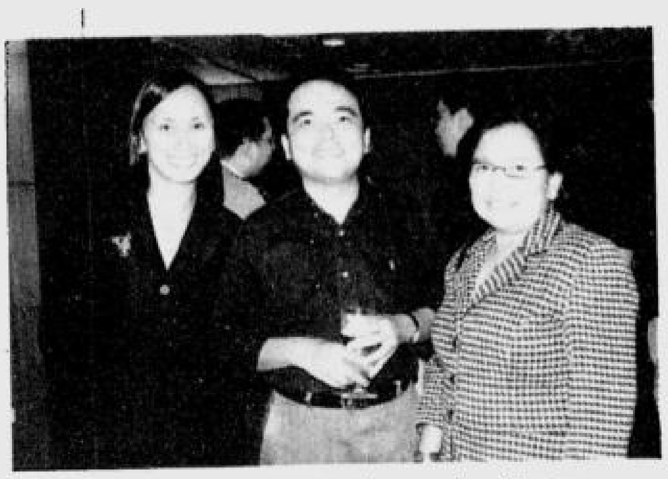

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Better dead

EDITORIAL

AND THERE, FINALLY, IT ALL IS—THE ARROYO administration's long-term survival strategy, in black and white. Surrounded by a Senate that would not die, a Supreme Court that can say No, an impeachment threat that refuses to go away and a legitimacy crisis that won't disappear, President Macapagal-Arroyo has decided to put all her political eggs in the military's basket: She has declared all-out war on the Left.

At a joint meeting of the Cabinet and regional development councils of North Luzon, the first in a series of "mega-development" planning sessions she has scheduled, the President the other day pledged to give the armed services additional funds—P1 billion, initially—to fight the communist insurgency. She also committed to earmark P75 billion over three years to fund development projects in North Luzon, where the Communist Party of the Philippines' New People's Army continues to operate.

On the face of it, these are legitimate objectives. Development, to recall Pope Paul VI's famous formulation, is the new name for peace. The apparent emphasis on poverty alleviation is welcome; at the same time, it would be foolish to ignore that the 37-year-old communist insurgency has a military component, and that the government has an obligation to equip our soldiers with the right arms.

But President Arroyo, true to her character, did not stop there. She expressed impatience with the current national-security timetable for suppressing the communist insurgency; 10 years was "too long," she said. (After the meeting, Cabinet officials announced a tighter schedule of two years, at least in certain critical areas.) And then she turned the government's counter-insurgency priorities upside down. While anti-poverty programs were essential, she said, "the fight against the Left remains the glue that binds."

The glue that binds! Perhaps, she meant the sticky kind that helps one keep one's grip on the levers of power. She certainly could not mean the nation's best interests, because that kind of exclusionary policy has already been proven a failure. The way to end the insurgency is not only to engage the communist rebels where they are; it is to fight them where they ain't: to pluck the roots of poverty, to provide public services, to offer an alternative forum for political participation.

It is unfortunate that the President has turned her back on the humanist education she had not only learned but even taught; from her vantage point today, she blithely sees no distinction between a leftist active in politics and a communist insurgent. For her, and for those in her inner circle who think survival politics trumps all other kinds, it's back to the 1950s, when the only good Red was a dead Red.

Since Edsa 1986, however, the national government has always sought to encourage communist rebels to abandon the armed struggle; an ex-insurgent is one less enemy hiding in the hills. From this perspective, the success of leftist groups in party-list elections (to which President Arroyo contributed in both the 2001 and 2004 elections) offered proof that the policy could work.

But during President Arroyo's watch, the gains of this enlightened policy have come with increasingly prohibitive costs. Hundreds of leftist activists—legitimate participants in the post-Marcos democratic space—have been harassed, tortured or killed. Leftist leaders have been demonized; a few, granted amnesty in the aftermath of Edsa I, have found themselves facing decades-old charges. Many have heard Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez's intemperate taunt, that they head back to the hills, and wondered about the wisdom of their choice.

In the last week, the news that soldiers under the command of Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan have been deployed in the towns and cities of Central Luzon have sent chills down many a spine; it seems an omen of inevitable human rights violations to come.

The President's better-dead-than-Red strategy will keep the Armed Forces happy, or at least occupied. That is what she must have meant; the strategy is the glue that binds the commander in chief closer to the military.

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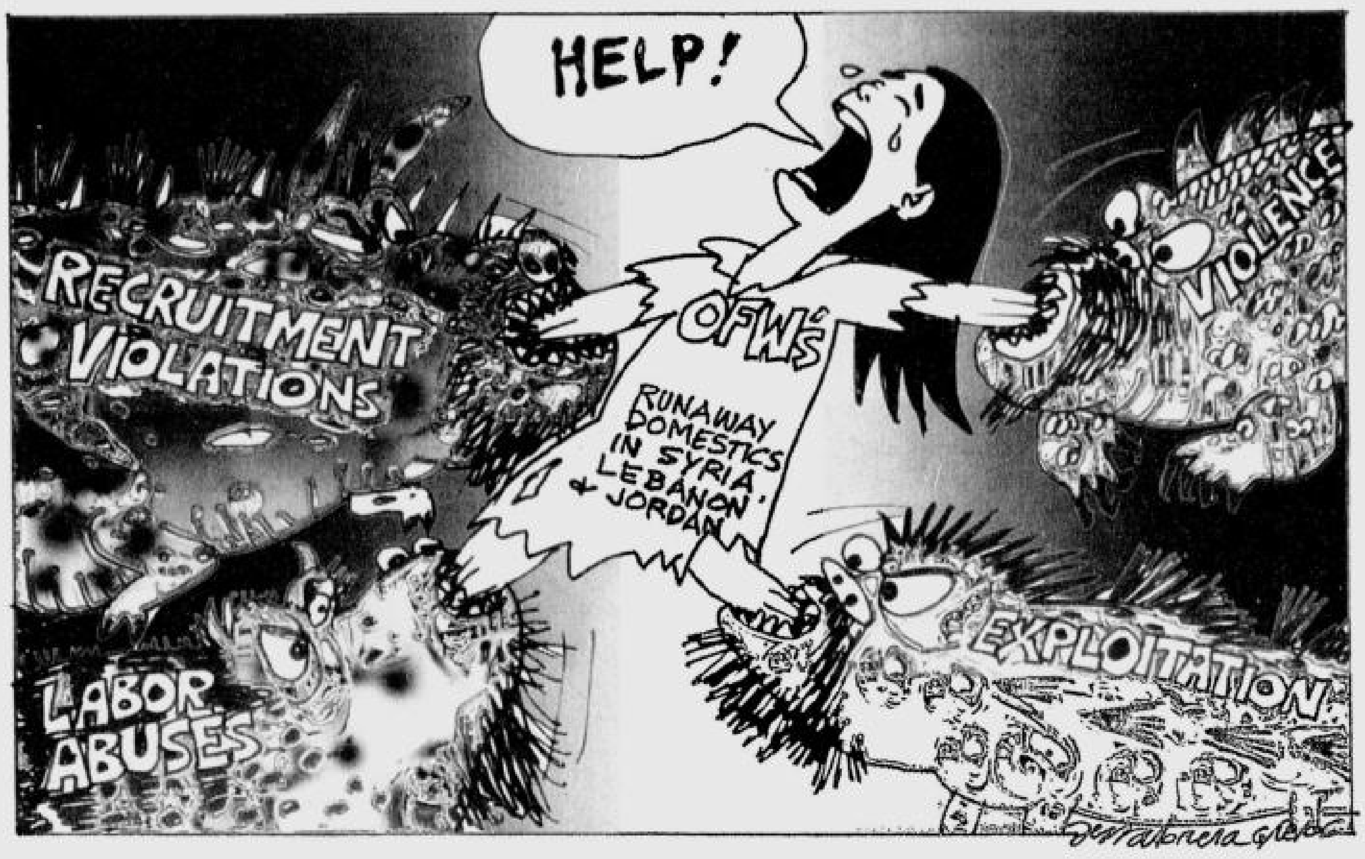

Father's Day

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THIS TIME IT'S FATHER'S DAY AGAIN. Some weeks ago it was Mother's Day and the loyal children trooped to the malls to demonstrate their love for the greatest Mom in the world. Now it's Dad's turn to be remembered, and they're not going to allow you to forget it.

By "they," I mean the merchants. They are the people behind all these celebrations. These are the money-grubbing opportunists who will play on the people's emotions—especially the maudlin viewers who regularly and religiously weep at the soap operas including those from Taiwan—to make a buck.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not one to downgrade the virtues of parents, being one myself. I know how great we are. I agree that we are really swell guys and deserve the adoration of our children. But I don't like being used by the traders to sell their goods for Junior's allowance.

Seriously, I do have respect for the parents who will sacrifice everything for their children's welfare. I refer particularly to the not so prosperous ones who will skimp on their own pleasures to pay their children's tuition fees. There are millions of these heroes who are willingly if not painlessly improving the quality of succeeding generations.

In fact, the splendid role of mothers in the rearing of their children has been officially recognized in the United States since its designation in 1915 of the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. "This is the busiest day of the year for American restaurants. On this special day, family members do not want their Mom to cook dinner."

The movement to similarly honor fathers in that country began in 1910 and Father's Day was officially designated in 1972 as the third Sunday in June. On this day, children are urged to "take some time to thank your Dad and let him know how inspiring he has been to you." They're not just the big spenders who take you to the ball games and buy your first long pants.

Gratitude to parents should be more sincere in our country where family ties are stronger than in most other lands. Unlike in some more practical but less affectionate foreign homes, Filipino children are not asked to leave upon reaching adulthood and fend for themselves without their parents' guidance and assistance.

I once talked to a girl in a foreign country who said she was asked by her parents to vacate their house where she had grown up so they could rent her room to a paying boarder. She said this rather casually, but I found it unbelievable. In our country, parents take care of their children—and their children's children, too—as long as they can, in keeping with our proud culture.

That is why when they can no longer take care of themselves, their children take over and care for them until they die. This is a duty lovingly and gratefully performed in remembrance of their parents' earlier selflessness. They are simply repaying love with love. The home for the aged, so convenient a dumping ground for unwanted parents in other countries, is not a Filipino institution.

As far as I know, Father's Day and Mother's Day are not officially recognized in our country by either statutory enactment or executive proclamation. They are merely imitations of the American practice, including even the days they are celebrated. We might at least choose different days for such observance if only to pretend to some originality. But I suppose it is difficult to cut the apron strings of Mother America and pick our own two days out of the 365 days in the year to honor our fathers and mothers.

Only recently, we began our own "Filipino Idol" contest patterned after the immensely popular "American Idol." Last year, we had a Tagalog movie called "Philippine Pie" along the lines of "American Pie," another vulgar show. We also elected an unpopular President Macapagal-Arroyo like the unpopular President Bush, as if to prove that we are also Stateside in our stupidity.

Many of our people tend to imitate everything about the United States, the good as well as the hardly worthwhile. Even as we admire Jefferson and Lincoln, we are also enthralled by the likes of the over-acting Tom Cruise. I understand that more people voted for the American Idol than for the American President even as, in 2004, more Filipinos voted for Noli de Castro than Loren Legarda.

Most Americans observe Father's Day and Mother's Day by sharing festive meals with their honorees in the home for the aged where they have been exiled. For our part, we celebrate the objects of our affection by buying them gifts from the mercenary malls as tokens of our remembrance. This generosity is not recognized and encouraged by the government but is only cleverly induced by tasteless advertising. The cost is assessable in mere pesos and centavos.

On this Father's Day, our children will not know what to give me because I have everything I need. The most important of these is the love they have for their Mother and me, which is the best gift they can offer.

Giving

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

A TEXT MESSAGE I RECEIVED SAYS THAT the United Nations recently conducted a survey requesting the respondents to "please give your honest opinion about shortage of food in the rest of the world." According to the same text message, the survey failed because in Africa, the people did not know what "food" was; in China, they did not know what "opinion" was; in Europe, they did not know what "shortage" was; in France, they did not know what "please" was; in America, they did not know what the "rest of the world" meant; and in the Philippines, Filipino leaders did not know what "honest" meant.

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Today is the Solemnity of the Corpus Christi. In today's Gospel (Mk. 14, 12-16, 22-26), Jesus gives His body and blood to be shared for many. Unless and until we imbibe the Eucharistic spirit of giving, sharing, unity and love, we will never have true and lasting peace in the world. After all these years, we haven't quite learned that giving is what living is all about. Are you a giver? What have you given, what are you giving to this world?

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There are people whose main preoccupation in life is to have more, and the raking-in never stops. There's so much money stored in banks for safekeeping while a lot of people are dying of hunger. How much money does one need to be happy in this life? When does one say "enough"? Does one ever say "enough"?

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Happy Father's Day! Is the Father happy when He looks at us today? Perhaps, if we remember that we have a Father in heaven who provides and takes care of us, we His children will be less insecure and, consequently, less selfish. We have a giving Father. We have to learn to trust Him more and not to lean on the security crutches of this world.

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I understand that, today, all fathers will have one big day off; so they are not cooking, washing dishes, doing the laundry, or doing the marketing today. Kidding aside, we salute all fathers who do a thousand and one things for the sake of the family. But, there are fathers, too, who do a thousand and one things that hurt their families. These are boys who have not learned to give up their toys and personal joys. May we have more fathers who not only provide, but who also guide and stay by their children's side.

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There are fathers who father children, but are not a father to them. It is sad that there are children who have never seen their fathers, or have never experienced the love of a father. Take note: A father is not just a biological donor, but also a person with honor; not just a financial provider, but also a living presence and reminder.

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Don't forget that June 23 is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Why not a feast of the sacred brain? Or sacred power? That's because God, the supreme intelligence and power, chose to relate to us with love through His heart. To people who operate and relate with others mostly through their brains, or through their pockets, you are missing the point if you belittle the heart and matters of the heart.

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June 23, 1987 was the day when my father died. It was such a sad and painful day in my life. I still do miss him. The pain is never really gone. I look forward to meeting him and embracing him again after my earthly mission is done. In the meantime, you and I who have lost a loved one must go on, and carry on the good name and the good things our fathers have done. While there is pain, there are no regrets in my heart whenever I think of my father. Why? Because I really loved him, and I really did my best for him while he was still alive. I say this not with pride, but with all humility, and with deep gratitude to my father whom I respect and love so much.

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June 24 is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May this simple woman remind us that the Father is pleased with His children who have pure, simple, loving, gentle and generous hearts. If the Father looked at your heart today, what would He see? Would He smile, or would He shake His head in dismay?

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Today, Fathers' Day, please find time to pray also for us your priests whom you call "Father." It is a big honor and big responsibility to be called by such a title. On this Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we your priests are reminded to live lives that are filled with giving and thanksgiving. I take this opportunity, on behalf of all my brother priests, to thank you all who have been so giving to us and so supportive of our priestly ministry. *Maraming salamat po*, with our priestly blessing!

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Bantay Matanda's next lay forum is on June 24 at the Janssen Hall of Christ the King Mission Seminary. It will be about "Updates in Dementia Care" and will offer free screening tests for Alzheimer's Disease as well. For details please call 373-2262 or 0917-4167849.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, remind me that true living is in the giving. Amen.

Notes on East Timor

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

ASIDE FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, TWO countries that have been going through a daily dose of car bombings these past few weeks, another country—this one much closer to home—has been engulfed in violence, with civilians being attacked and forced to leave their homes by lawless elements wielding guns and machetes, and roaming around, torching and looting neighborhoods in the capital city of Dili.

East Timor is the eastern half of the island of Timor which was colonized by Portugal in the 16th century. The western half was controlled by the Dutch. At the end of World War II, the Dutch were driven out of Indonesia, and West Timor became part of the Republic of Indonesia. Somehow, the Portuguese were able to hold on to East Timor for another 30 years. In 1975, with the Lisbon government in disarray following the overthrow of dictator Antonio Salazar, Indonesia moved into East Timor, and President Suharto proclaimed the island as Indonesia's 27th province.

When I was posted to Jakarta in 1986, Penny and I made it a point to visit as much of the country as possible. On one occasion, we flew to Aceh in Sumatra, Indonesia's western-most province and a strong bastion of Islam. It is also one of the country's major oil-producing regions.

Next door to Aceh is the home of the Bataks—a happy, fun-loving, lively people given to music with a Polynesian flavor. They are the complete opposite of the reserved, quiet folks on the main island of Java. The current envoy to Manila, Ambassador Irzan Tandjung, is a Batak from Sumatra. However, I might add that his demeanor is more Javanese than Batak.

On the invitation of President Suharto, we visited East Timor at the eastern end of the archipelago. The occasion was a two-fold celebration: the first was the inauguration of the Catholic Cathedral in Dili, known as the Immaculata in honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception; the second was the opening of the National Boy Scout Jamboree that was being held on the island with thousands of young boys from all over Indonesia converging on Dili.

In Dili, we were able to meet a number of Filipino expats. Some were married to Indonesians; others were serving as consultants to various government agencies in East Timor, and a few belonged to religious orders. Filipino priests of the Salesian Order were engaged in missionary work and the setting up of educational facilities for which Don Bosco is famous the world over. Like so many of our countrymen in Indonesia, they were respected pillars of the community and were very much at home in the province.

In those days, much was written in the international press about the brutality and harshness of Indonesian military action in East Timor. A Timorese group, known as Fretilin, was fighting for independence and waging a savage guerrilla war against the authorities. To the credit of Indonesia, it could be said to have done much more for the province in 20 years than Portugal ever did in centuries of colonial administration.

Following a UN-sponsored agreement between Indonesia, Portugal and the United States, a referendum among the East Timorese was held in August 1999. They voted for full independence from Indonesia, and a UN peacekeeping force was dispatched to the island to maintain peace and order in the face of violent clashes between pro- and anti-independence factions. The first UN field force commander was a Filipino, Lt. Gen. Jaime de los Santos, who closed out a distinguished military career as Philippine Army chief.

On May 20, 2002, East Timor became the first new country of the 21st century. Its president is Xanana Gusmao, a mestizo of Timorese and Portuguese blood who led the fight for independence and is considered a national hero. The prime minister is Mari Alkatiri. A Nobel Peace Prize winner, Jose Ramos Horta, is the country's foreign minister. Horta recently took over the defense portfolio, following the sacking of the former defense chief.

Along with the Philippines, East Timor is one of only two predominantly Roman Catholic countries in Asia. With a population of just over a million people and with very few natural resources to support its economy, East Timor is one of the poorest countries in the world. Its survival is dependent mainly on handouts and support from the international community.

The recent spate of violence in East Timor appears to have been brought about by the dismissal of 600 soldiers representing 40 percent of its armed forces. Fighting between opposing factions in the army and police units broke out last month resulting in the need for foreign troops, mostly Australian, to control the violence and the rioting in Dili. Somehow, I was reminded of an editorial of the now defunct Asiaweek magazine more than 10 years ago. In the editorial titled "The World Should Accept That East Timor Is Part Of Indonesia," Asiaweek said: "It's high time the United Nations took a more pragmatic approach to the question of East Timor. The first step is for the world body to recognize that positive change in the troubled region is going to have to be within an Indonesian context."

Perhaps, Asiaweek was correct in its assessment of the situation. But there is no turning back at this point. We can only hope that, with help from its neighbors, the task of nation-building in East Timor will someday bear fruit.

SMS to Dad

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista

MY FATHER HAS LEARNED HOW TO TEXT WITH ONE hand. In college, after he told me he'd pass by me on the way home, I sent him a message that I was ready for pick-up. He replied, in the space of two seconds.

"Yep-andito na me."

When I was a kid, I was the classic nerd: hair in pigtails, glasses inches thick, unable to conduct a conversation that didn't revolve around Archie comics or Nancy Drew. My Dad was my best friend. On the mornings before school, we'd be sitting on the living room table, him with his newspaper and a tiny plastic teacup in his hand, pinkie finger outstretched.

"More tea?" I'd ask politely.

He would nod, and I would pour him a cup of Kool-Aid grape juice.

We lived in a village that was in constant danger of flooding from July typhoons. In one of the typhoons—signal No. 2, suspended classes—I had a moment of epiphany. I realized I wanted to be a painter. I spent all morning wandering up and down the stairs, holding my mother's make-up brush, sniffling at the fact I didn't have painting tools. My sister shoved paper and pencil at me, and I sobbed harder. I wanted a real artist's canvas, and real watercolors and real brushes. Dad quietly picked up an umbrella, and started our old red and white van.

An hour later, he was back, water streaming from his skinny legs and jacket, toting a shopping bag with a watercolor set and a real artist's canvas. He picked me up, put me on his lap, a pudgy 5-year-old in a Mickey Mouse nightgown trying to wipe tears with a wet sleeve. He gave me a kiss, patted me on the head, and set me up on the living room table. I sat there for two days while the storm raged outside, tongue sticking out, eyes squinting while completing my masterpiece: a lopsided basket filled with what appeared to be purple radioactive growths (I hesitate to call them flowers).

Another time, I sat bouncing beside Dad while he smoked his millionth cigarette, and whined and whined that there was nothing to do and nothing to read. He sighed, folded his crossword puzzle, and put on a pair of shoes. We didn't have a car then, so we walked out to the highway, hailed a taxi, and went on a pilgrimage to National Bookstore. I had a P60-budget, and I bought one book—Sweet Valley Kids: "Lila's Secret." By the time we got home, I had finished reading the book, and I was bouncing beside Dad again, whining that there was nothing to do and nothing to read. He gave me the newspaper. I shut up.

Dad made my science projects, sitting up all night after I got too tired trying to figure out how to make a sheet of paper roll out of a cardboard box by cranking a handle. He wrote my excuse letters for school whenever I didn't feel like going to class—our favorites were "intense exhaustion" and "severe eye strain." Both were true, of course, we only withheld the fact that the exhaustion and eye strain were due to staying up all night reading Harry Potter.

When I was 14, I picked up a cookbook and decided I wanted to be Martha Stewart. My mother, the kitchen goddess, put me to work. My Dad had the harder job. He survived the brownies I'd forgotten to add flour to, the lemon meringue pie that was more lemon than pie, and the afternoons in the grocery where I told him, with all seriousness, that my one goal in life was marry the man with the biggest kitchen in the world.

A few years ago, my father, exasperated by the fact that I kept hijacking his coffee cup, decided to teach me how to make The Perfect Cup of Coffee. It was the work of a moment: One-fourth teaspoon of instant coffee, one heaping teaspoon of creamer, a sachet of sweetener, hot water poured from the white thermos, stirred well with the teaspoon left inside. ("Don't forget to leave the teaspoon inside, the metal absorbs the heat.")

It doesn't matter though—whenever I pop in the house on weekends, I still hijack his coffee cup. And he still shakes his head while he makes himself a new cup.

When I moved out of the house, my Dad and I still met up on dates in-campus. I've had some of the most ecstatic moments in the last few years—I've shaken the hand of a prince, discovered Wonderbras, and survived the hell that is known as a thesis. I must say, however, that I've had no happier moment than when I had lunch with Dad at Chocolate Kiss and paid for the bill with my first paycheck. "My treat, Dad," I said. I'm not sure who was prouder: me, my Dad, or the waiter who had been taking our bill for the last two years.

Even up to now, when I'm at home and sprawled on my bed slurping from a bowl of just-add-water noodles, Dad would walk into the room, carefully casual, and toss me a book wrapped in a white plastic bag. Then he'd stand there—fresh from whatever second-hand bookstore he'd spent an hour in—and wait for me to tear open into the bag. There'd usually be three or four books, two of which I've already read. "Thanks Dad," I'd say, and he'd smile offhandedly and ask if I'd read them. I'd say no, of course not, and jump up to give him a hug and a kiss. At the moment, I have five copies of "The Cat Who Said Cheese."

There are several things that Dad tried to teach me: Take off your contacts before you go to bed. Make a list of everything you spend. Turn off your cell phone at the gas station.

I've never been any good at following advice, and I regret to say I fell asleep with my contacts again last night. But the one thing I learned, and learned well, is something that my Dad still continues to text me at least once a week: "I love you, sweetheart."

I had this beautiful idea of taking Dad out to a steak lunch today, and telling him to order whatever he wanted, but that plan's gone the same way as the cash in my wallet. I have recently realized the concept of "writing for a living" is an oxymoron, and after a week of staring at the keyboard and praying for inspiration, I have realized that I should have stuck with my 13-year-old ambition of being a fighter pilot.

In the absence of a father's day gift, this column is dedicated to the mustached gentleman in a ratty T-shirt—the more holes in his shirt, the happier he is—sitting on his couch, holding a newspaper and a cup of instant coffee. I'm probably the only columnist on this page whose father still cuts out her column, pastes it on a sheet of bond paper, then slips it into a pink plastic clear book.

He's been complaining recently that he hasn't bonded with his baby enough (I'm 20-going-on-21), so in answer, this Daddy's girl has this much to say:

"Dad, *andito lang me.*

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'Sosy market' favorites

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WE HADN'T BEEN TO THE "SOSY MARKET," officially known as the Salcedo Weekend Market, for some time. But when we found out that it was celebrating its second anniversary yesterday, the hubby and I decided to drop by. On top of our agenda was, of course, to pick up some of our favorites, discovered, tried and tested in previous visits. But we were also lured by news of special anniversary treats, such as a brass band and Chinese lion dancers, an art sale sponsored by the Museum Foundation of the Philippines, and give-aways for customers.

The band was loud and merry, and the lion dancers were prancing about when we arrived. There were more shoppers than usual but the atmosphere remained convivial, which is one of the *sosy* market's enduring charms.

Immediately, we headed for the stall of Kusina ni Tita Moning for a bottle or two of its *queso de bola* spread, the only thing, so the hubby said, he had come for. Kusina ni Tita Moning is based in the Legarda home near Malacañang where diners can partake of old-time Fil-Spanish cuisine in a setting that brings one back to a more genteel era. I haven't been there myself, but its stall in the Market gives one a taste of the kitchen's glories, from the aforementioned cheese spread to various flavored oils and sauces to its sinful bread pudding.

I picked up a loaf of multi-grain whole wheat bread and whole-grain bagel chips from a nearby stall, which also sells, aside from various breads, bagels in a huge variety of flavors and grains.

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WE also made a point of passing by the stall of Joy's Smoke House, whose proprietor Erlinda Bautista recognized us from other visits. Her ham has become a family favorite, being flavorful and not too salty like Chinese ham. As usual, we also bought our favorite *embotido* wrapped in banana leaves. To complement the *embotido*—which we decided we would serve for lunch—I passed by the stall of delicacies from Bacolod and picked up my son's favorite *lumpiang ubod*, along with a box of Napoleones for dessert and frozen *lumpiang shanghai* for weekday emergencies. Of course, we also had to pick up some "less salt" *tuyo* from Bataan, my husband's favorite.

Feeling hunger pangs, my husband searched for his favorite *mami* stall, finding it only after making a tour of the entire market. The *mami*, from a stall called Masuki, is the very soul of simplicity, consisting only of fresh flat noodles, meat (we chose the *asado*) and savory broth, plus brown sauce that gives the *mami* a flavorful kick. We enjoyed the *mami* in the shaded eating area adjacent to a children's playground, then passed by the art show where, not being able to afford any of the art work, I contented myself with a pack of illustrated note cards.

On our way home, we passed by the *pritchon* stall and decided to take home a few rolls to add to our lunch menu. Reaching home, we faced the rest of the weekend feeling good about our morning outing and our filling lunch!

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MY friend and faithful correspondent Ruffy Ignacio of Olympia, Washington writes of the recent Santacruzan that his group, the Filipino-American Community of South Puget Sound, hosted early this month.

Held on Saturday, June 10, the procession was the first-ever Santacruzan held at the Sacred Heart Parish, writes Ruffy, and was adjudged a "huge success" even by non-Filipino parishioners. This, despite the doubts raised by the parish officials about the "religiosity" of the event. "It took a few meetings before I was able to convince them that the Santacruzan is indeed a meaningful religious and cultural celebration, that it is historical, legendary, artistic and so much a part of our Filipino-ness in America," he notes. But after the procession, the parish priest and parishioners, he reports, "were so happy with the significance, beauty and wonder of the Santacruzan."

The event received major coverage from a local daily, The Olympian, which featured a pictorial on the procession; it will even air on local cable TV.

"Participation in the Santacruzan (cut) across age and race," writes Ruffy. "There were even grandmothers as participants, as well as young children. And, of course, the teen-age *sagalas* were so carried away that one asked me: 'Uncle Ruffy, can we do this every six months?'"

In an essay inspired by the Olympia Santacruzan, JP Paredes observed that the event was actually "a cultural mirror reflecting the devout character of the Filipino people. Religion, after all, is very much a significant part of our culture …."

Paredes also noted that more than being a religious celebration and a cultural showcase, the Santacruzan helped build "a more cohesive community … where (members of the community) enjoy not only the company of their *kababayans* but also experience the opportunity to contribute to the cohesiveness of their group."

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PAREDES was also struck by what he called the "deepest meaning" of the Santacruzan, which, beyond the religious depiction of the search for the Holy Cross, is the "empowerment of women … who are the main characters in the Santacruzan." It was, he says, "in the most profound sense of the word, a tribute to the power of women as nurturers."

"The overall effect, of children and adults in fine clothes, surrounded by themes and symbolisms of spirituality and the beauty of nature exemplified by the exquisiteness of flowers, created a lifting of the spirit that, indeed, everything will be right in the world if women are allowed to care for it."

Indeed, with the success of this first Santacruzan in Olympia, let's hope that, as Ruffy asserts, "the Santacruzan is now part and parcel of the history of Filipino-Americans in Olympia and in Washington State. There is no stopping it now."

The fight against the Left

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

"THE FIGHT AGAINST THE LEFT REMAINS THE glue that binds," Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo told her Cabinet the other day, after ordering the budget secretary to release an extra P1 billion to boost the renewed effort to crush the communist insurgency. Whoever fed Ms Arroyo this wrong and dangerous line is setting the stage for fascist rule. In equating the "Left" with armed rebellion, she effectively sanctions the use of death squads to silence political dissenters.

Though the likes of Gen. Jovito Palparan pretend not to know it, there is a huge difference between being Left and taking up arms against the government. To be Left is to be constantly concerned with the basic issues of justice and human freedom. It is to question the existing social order, to assail its assumptions, and denounce its oppressive outcomes. To be a leftist is to be committed to the long-term goal of structural change. In contrast, to be a rightist is to find nothing fundamentally wrong with the structure of society; it is to justify and defend its rules.

To take up arms in the pursuit of one's political beliefs is an altogether different matter. The armed option is employed not only by leftists and rightists, but also by religious rebels and some millenarian cults. Not all leftists advocate the violent overthrow of the State, and not all armed groups are leftist. To be Left is to think and speak radically about social problems; to be an armed rebel is to participate in the forcible overthrow of government. Our Constitution outlaws armed rebellion, but it resolutely protects freedom of thought and of speech.

Having once flirted with leftists when she was a graduate student, Ms Arroyo ought to know these distinctions. That she has uncritically permitted herself to mouth a Cold War mantra betrays the dominant influence of militarists in her administration. These militarists are not just the former generals in the Arroyo Cabinet; they also include former leftists who, having tasted power, now disdain their ideological past. Former Party members usually become the most virulent rightists. Only the ideology has changed; the dogmatism remains.

What happens when a government lumps leftists and armed rebels together? The results are predictable everywhere. Instead of fading away, the insurgency grows even more. The repression of open dissent forces activists to go underground. The counter-insurgency campaign kills more plain political militants than armed insurgents. Student activists, NGO workers, priests, pastors and nuns who work with the poor and the powerless become the first defenseless targets.

These are not textbook lessons from Latin America. They are lessons gleaned from the actual experience of the Philippines during martial law. The formula is the same. For reasons unique to a given society, a government takes the authoritarian route. It begins by raising the specter of the three C's—communism, crime and corruption—to justify the inauguration of a militarized state.

Almost without exception, the cure inflicts more damage than the illness itself. The government mounts an aggressive campaign to wipe out the communist insurgency in two to three years. It only succeeds in extending its life and feeding it with new recruits. It mobilizes the armed forces to restore public order and stabilize the political situation. The repression only forces many activists and critics to go underground. It marginalizes other groups seeking progressive but peaceful alternatives. It marginalizes politics itself, and routinizes military supremacy in decision-making. It launches a campaign to eradicate corruption once and for all. It ends up centralizing it. That was what the Marcos years showed us.

Why is Ms Arroyo taking this route? She is taking this route because militarism is her last card. The crisis of legitimacy continues to haunt her. If the shift to the parliamentary system, which offers her a risk-free way of affirming her right to govern, does not happen soon, she knows she will eventually be booted out of office. The loyal generals who helped her secure her dubious victory in the 2004 election are her final shield. They are in the same boat as her, and they will continue to support her until they find another leader who can protect them against reprisals in a post-GMA government.

Is there a better way? Yes there is. The government must show the people that it is still a source of hope—not their enemy, but their friend. Our people expect little and demand little from government. More than food, it is justice they clamor for in most instances. Because they believe that justice is for sale in our highly unequal society, they turn to the New People's Army as the ultimate equalizer. As simplistic as it may sound, it is the experience of powerlessness, rather than sheer poverty, that constitutes the soil in which most rebellions are nurtured.

The communist insurgency has been around for 37 years. That is a long time. It only means that, despite the movement's own abuses, it has been able to function as an alternative center for our people. There is no way we can wipe it out without killing many innocent civilians. It would be a tragic mistake to treat communist rebels as if they were just another criminal syndicate. We must continue talking to them. But at the same time, we have to find ways of making our people participate and take interest in the peace negotiations. Why should peace talks be the sole responsibility of rebels and government? Neither one owns the nation.

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How much is human life worth?

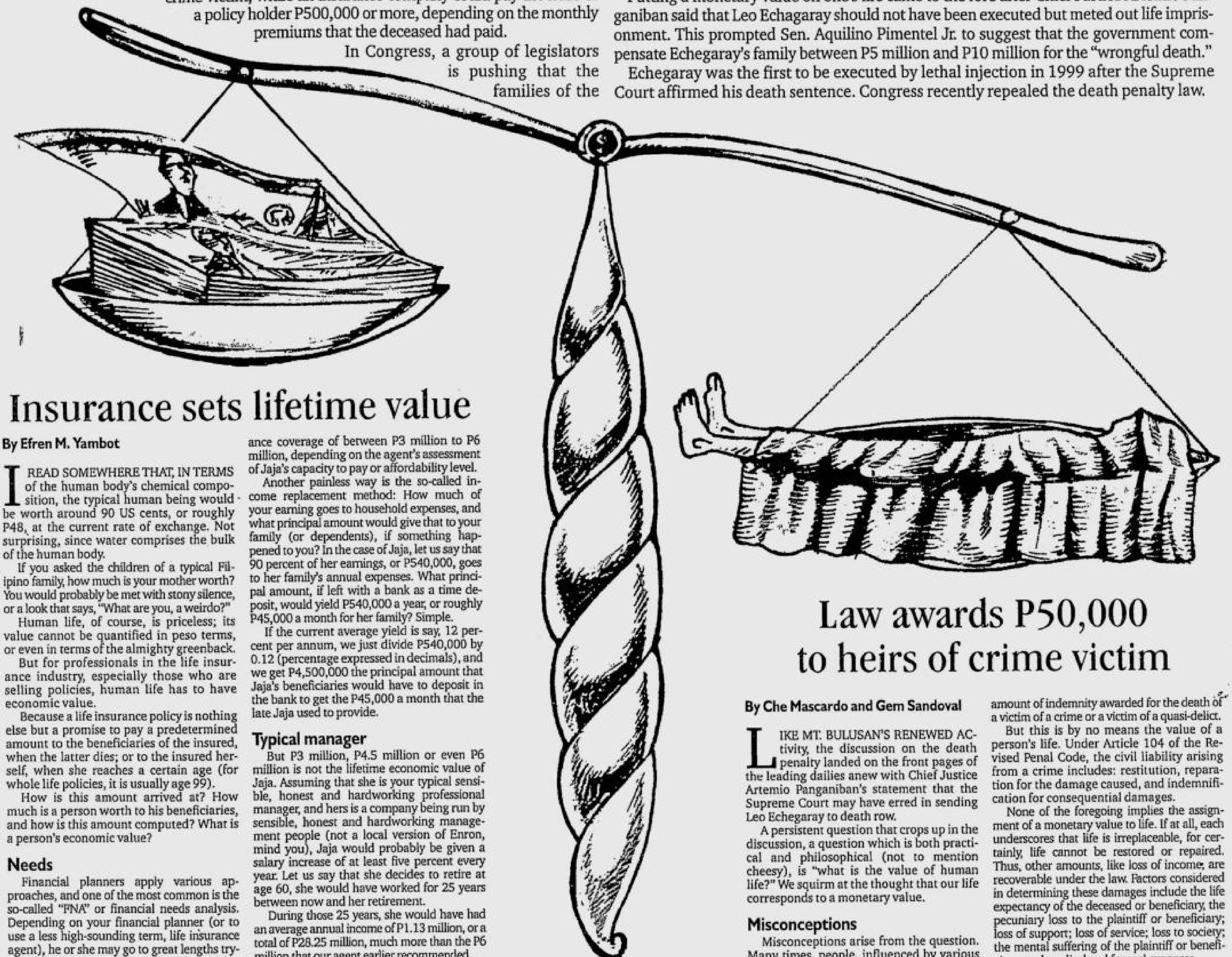
GIVING A MONETARY VALUE TO A PERSON'S LIFE IS NOT AS EASY AS PUTTING A price tag on a cell phone, a car or any other consumer product. But certain occasions demand that a price be set. A court could award P50,000 to the loved ones of a crime victim, while an insurance company could pay the heirs of a policy holder P500,000 or more, depending on the monthly premiums that the deceased had paid.

In Congress, a group of legislators is pushing that the families of the *desaparecidos* and those killed arbitrarily by the Marcos regime be compensated at least P1 million each.

From the viewpoint of the Catholic Church, life is priceless.

Putting a monetary value on one's life came to the fore after Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban said that Leo Echagaray should not have been executed but meted out life imprisonment. This prompted Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. to suggest that the government compensate Echegaray's family between P5 million and P10 million for the "wrongful death."

Echegaray was the first to be executed by lethal injection in 1999 after the Supreme Court affirmed his death sentence. Congress recently repealed the death penalty law.



Insurance sets lifetime value

By Efren M. Yambot

I READ SOMEWHERE THAT, IN TERMS of the human body's chemical composition, the typical human being would be worth around 90 US cents, or roughly P48, at the current rate of exchange. Not surprising, since water comprises the bulk of the human body.

If you asked the children of a typical Filipino family, how much is your mother worth? You would probably be met with stony silence, or a look that says, "What are you, a weirdo?"

Human life, of course, is priceless; its value cannot be quantified in peso terms, or even in terms of the almighty greenback.

But for professionals in the life insurance industry, especially those who are selling policies, human life has to have economic value.

Because a life insurance policy is nothing else but a promise to pay a predetermined amount to the beneficiaries of the insured, when the latter dies; or to the insured herself, when she reaches a certain age (for whole life policies, it is usually age 99).

How is this amount arrived at? How much is a person worth to his beneficiaries, and how is this amount computed? What is a person's economic value?

Needs

Financial planners apply various approaches, and one of the most common is the so-called "FNA" or financial needs analysis. Depending on your financial planner (or to use a less high-sounding term, life insurance agent), he or she may go to great lengths trying to arrive at your financial needs, probing and asking you questions that probably even your spouse dared not ask before.

In simple terms, the FNA does nothing but arrive at the gap between what you need to cover all eventualities (premature death, old age, sickness, disability ... and if you're living in the States, even divorce) and what you have at present.

The gap, more often than not, may be sufficiently covered by a life insurance policy, but life insurance is not the only means to cover it. Mutual fund placements, bank deposits, stocks, bonds, etc. All kinds of liquid and semi-liquid assets will do.

Inexpensive way

Insurance agents, of course, will often or maybe always recommend life insurance as the means or one of the means to cover the gap. And only because life insurance is one of the most inexpensive ways to do it, unless you live to the ripe age of 120 years!

Let's go back to the question, what is a person's economic value? To be more precise, what is a person's lifetime economic value?

A quick way to determine a person's economic value—for insurance purposes, anyway—is to find out how much she is earning annually and multiply that by a factor of five (ignoring inflation), or by a factor of eight to 10 (providing for inflation). So let's say that a manager in Ayala, Makati, let's call her Jaja, is earning P600,000 a year.

An agent who is in a hurry to insure her, without going through the more complicated FNA, may tell her that she will need insurance coverage of between P3 million to P6 million, depending on the agent's assessment of Jaja's capacity to pay or affordability level.

Another painless way is the so-called income replacement method: How much of your earning goes to household expenses, and what principal amount would give that to your family (or dependents), if something happened to you? In the case of Jaja, let us say that 90 percent of her earnings, or P540,000, goes to her family's annual expenses. What principal amount, if left with a bank as a time deposit, would yield P540,000 a year, or roughly P45,000 a month for her family? Simple.

If the current average yield is say, 12 percent per annum, we just divide P540,000 by 0.12 (percentage expressed in decimals), and we get P4,500,000 the principal amount that Jaja's beneficiaries would have to deposit in the bank to get the P45,000 a month that the late Jaja used to provide.

Typical manager

But P3 million, P4.5 million or even P6 million is not the lifetime economic value of Jaja. Assuming that she is your typical sensible, honest and hardworking professional manager, and hers is a company being run by sensible, honest and hardworking management people (not a local version of Enron, mind you), Jaja would probably be given a salary increase of at least five percent every year. Let us say that she decides to retire at age 60, she would have worked for 25 years between now and her retirement.

During those 25 years, she would have had an average annual income of P1.13 million, or a total of P28.25 million, much more than the P6 million that our agent earlier recommended.

But let us assume that Jaja decides to retire not at age 60, but at age 50. She shall have worked another 15 years, and not 25 years, as an employee. Therefore her lifetime economic value is roughly only P12.7 million (total compensation for the next 15 years), right? Wrong.

Best seller

Let's fast forward to the future: Jaja, after retiring at age 50, decides to write about her experience as a marathon runner in the rat race, in a book titled, "Memoirs of a Survivor in the Ayala Avenue Corporate Jungle," which becomes a best seller, earning her P500,000 a year in royalties (including foreign sales); at age 60, she has already earned P5 million from that book alone, and still counting.

But wait! She has also written another best seller, "How to Retire Early—and Rich!" and another ... And she has, in the meantime (right after retirement, that is) founded a food franchise business, which she decides to sell to the Lorenzo group for P100 million at age 55 ... and so on. (In the meantime, she married a rich Australian widower she met at Café Havana in Greenbelt, who owns three global companies and is worth one-tenth of what Bill Gates is worth. Or roughly $20 billion.)

So what is Jaja's lifetime economic value? Get your scientific calculator, and figure it out for yourself.

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Law awards P50,000 to heirs of crime victim

By Che Mascardo and Gem Sandoval

LIKE MT. BULUSAN'S RENEWED ACtivity, the discussion on the death penalty landed on the front pages of the leading dailies anew with Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban's statement that the Supreme Court may have erred in sending Leo Echegaray to death row.

A persistent question that crops up in the discussion, a question which is both practical and philosophical (not to mention cheesy), is "what is the value of human life?" We squirm at the thought that our life corresponds to a monetary value.

Misconceptions

Misconceptions arise from the question. Many times, people, influenced by various interests and advocacies associated with the death penalty, often ascribe an economic value to life.

The law, to a certain extent, may be the source of this folly. At the outset, it must be stated that the law does not put a value on life. However, certain laws and their application through court decisions seem to suggest otherwise; hence, a great degree of clarification is in order.

Oftentimes, in law practice, lawyers are approached by curious individuals, extremely bewildered and excited, who ask the question: "Attorney, is it true that human life is only worth P50,000 nowadays?" A responsible lawyer should respond in the negative and explain, thus:

Under the law, there are two kinds of liability, one is criminal and the other is civil.

Liability

Criminal liability refers to the penalty that the law prescribes for the commission of a crime or a violation of a law, regulation or ordinance.

Civil liability, on the other hand, refers to the consequence expressed in pecuniary terms which the law imposes upon a person for his breach of duty or violation of a right of another. Civil liability for death arises for those caused by a crime or a quasi-delict. A quasi-delict refers to the fault or negligence of a person or his failure to exercise due care and diligence that is normally required of him, which results in the death of another.

As the law stands now, P50,000, a third of the price of your average plasma TV, is the amount of indemnity awarded for the death of a victim of a crime or a victim of a quasi-delict.

But this is by no means the value of a person's life. Under Article 104 of the Revised Penal Code, the civil liability arising from a crime includes: restitution, reparation for the damage caused, and indemnification for consequential damages.

None of the foregoing implies the assignment of a monetary value to life. If at all, each underscores that life is irreplaceable, for certainly, life cannot be restored or repaired. Thus, other amounts, like loss of income, are recoverable under the law. Factors considered in determining these damages include the life expectancy of the deceased or beneficiary, the pecuniary loss to the plaintiff or beneficiary; loss of support; loss of service; loss to society; the mental suffering of the plaintiff or beneficiary; and medical and funeral expenses.

Not for profit

The law merely attempts to compensate the heirs of the victim and does not presume that a monetary award will replace the loss of a loved one. For the same reason, the indemnity for loss of life is limited to the above-mentioned amount because the heirs or beneficiaries of the victim are not supposed to profit from the death of their loved one.

It is pure simple-mindedness for many to conclude in vehicular accidents that it is better to run over a person twice to ensure the latter's death because the courts will only require you to pay a fixed indemnity of P50,000.

First, by running over the victim twice, the incident ceases to be an accident and actually becomes a crime requiring the police Soco operatives to investigate.

One ceases to be merely civilly liable as as he or she also becomes criminally liable for homicide or murder, depending on the circumstances.

Second, such a myopic notion fails to take into account the other amounts that may be claimed by the victim's family such as loss of income and funeral expenses. And in these days, funerals do not come cheap.

While the law itself has failed to put an economic measure on life, it certainly illustrates that we can never come close to ascribing a monetary value to it.

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Priceless

By Fr. Roberto A. Latorre, S.T.D.

THE LIFE OF A HUMAN PERSON IS priceless, and every human being with the light of reason and good will recognizes this as an unquestionable truth.

The Christian perspective on the inestimable value of human life, however, is founded on two teachings: That every person's life is a special gift from God and that God calls man to a transcendent purpose.

Human life, which begins at the moment of conception, is a divine gift. As the Vatican's "Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation" succinctly puts it: "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end."

The book of Genesis reinforces this already grand reality. God did not only create man. He created man in His own image and likeness—a specific distinction that gives man dominion and stewardship over other creatures. From this, we can conclude that man is the only creature God has created for his own sake, not for the sake of another value.

We can even go on to say that man is the highest value on earth, although not in an absolute way because only God is absolute. There may be realities we value more than life itself such as honor, faith and other ideals. We may also accept the inevitability of death when facing a condition that underscores our precarious hold on life. But no man can arrogate the divine prerogative of ending a human being's journey to the bosom of God. Human life belongs to God—it is "sacred."

Each and every person must be considered a unique masterpiece of God. We are all special to God. Hence, with the gift of human life comes a specific vocation, a calling, a purpose, which God has destined for each person. To achieve man's purpose, God also bestows numerous graces and potentials—all priceless in themselves as well—upon each individual.

It is in fulfilling God's will that man can live a life that gives glory to God. As in the parable of the talents, God wishes our lives to be well-spent, with all our faculties and talents utilized for love of Him. Of course, each one has his own circumstances, but giving glory to God is generally achieved by using the best of one's faculties for a noble work—be it as simple as a school assignment or as crucial as an executive officer's job.

As a precious gift, life has to be protected. It is easy to understand this in the context of self-preservation because it is a natural instinct. But the protection of life goes well beyond protecting oneself. It extends to the protection of the lives of other people—from the moment of conception up to natural death—and to respecting their dignity as children of God.

Why should I value the life of others? Because as much as I value other persons (including their life), that much do I value my own self. Our self-esteem is as good as the esteem we hold others in.

Let me end with the words the late Pope John Paul II in his Encyclical Letter on the Value and Inviolability of Human Life: "Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God."

Ultimately, our life is a vocation to live as a child of God and an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. And this is something that no monetary value can ever match.

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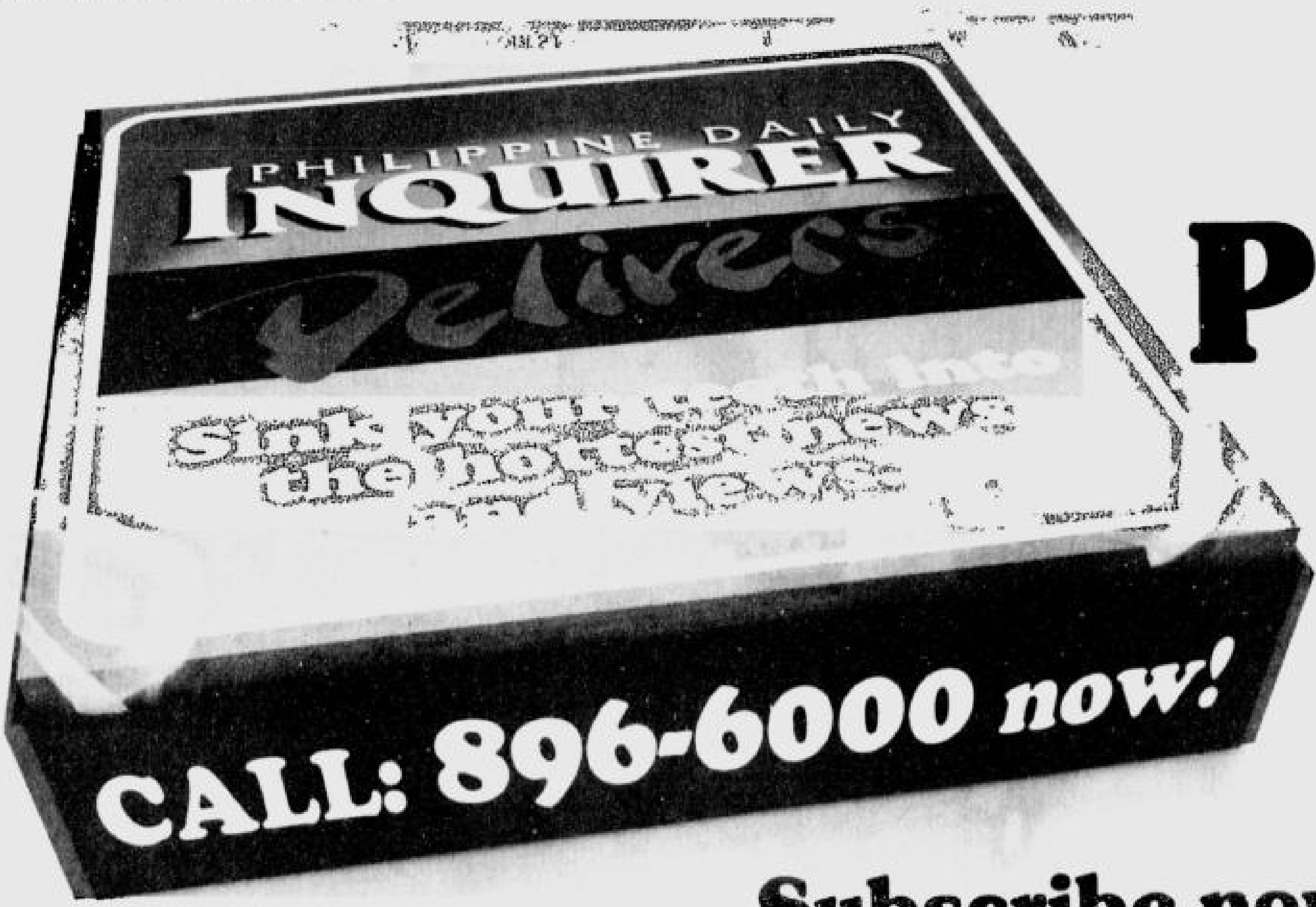
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Volcanic ash kills town river

SORSOGON CITY—A RIVER IN IROSIN TOWN HAS BEEN declared biologically dead by specialists from the Environmental Management Bureau Bicol office because of the huge volume of ash and sulfur that found its way into the body of water.

Engineer Beth Fruto of EMB-Bicol said the water quality of the Gulang-gulang River deteriorated due to ash and sulfur deposits carried over by the rain.

"This reduced its dissolved oxygen to zero and acidity to four," she said.

She, however, said that the water quality would eventually return to normal as the contaminants are being eliminated.

The EMB report was presented before the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council which assessed the disaster preparations of the municipal and provincial disaster councils.

Bicol police director Victor Boco, RDCC head, said the disaster councils had made ample preparations to meet the needs of the communities to be affected by Bulusan Volcano's eruption.

The RDCC regional police, Office of the Civil Defense and the local government unit of Irosin also conducted yesterday an evacuation drill in Barangay Cogon in Irosin.

Irosin Mayor Lilia Gonzales said the drill was meant to prepare the residents for a major eruption.

She added they also need a bell and a number of whistles to help signal the residents to evacuate.

In Casiguran, Sorsogon, Lafayette Philippines Inc. donated 5,000 pieces of face masks to Sorsogon province.

Lawyer Julito Sarmiento, Lafayette's corporate secretary and spokesperson, personally came to the municipality to donate 500 pieces of face masks to the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council.

He said he would bring 4,500 other pieces for distribution to the towns of Casiguran, Juban, Irosin, the fire department of Sorsogon City and rescue teams on Saturday.

The LPI official said that despite the flak received by the mining firm, it still wants to check on what else they could do to help the residents, especially those affected by Mt. Bulusan's continued activity. *Bobby Labalan and Niño Jesus Y. Orbeta, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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ROUNDUP

Biogas project in Davao

DAVAO CITY—Officials of Barangay 5-A in Bangkerohan here are requesting P2 million from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the implementation of a biogas project that stands to benefit at least 5,000 villagers. Village chief Edgar Ibuyan said the project could be completed in five years upon start of construction. The project, he said, would unburden villagers from the rising cost of liquefied petroleum gas that is sold in the city for at least P540 per 11-kg cylinder. Under the proposal, a biogas digester would be constructed in the village. The gas will then be routed to houses in the village.

Judy Quiros, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Hunt for killer ordered

COTABATO CITY—Maguindanao Gov. Andal Ampatuan ordered the police to launch a manhunt against the perpetrators of Tuesday's ambush in Datu Unsay town, where a supervisor of the Maguindanao Electric Cooperative (Magelco), died. Ampatuan also asked the military to help so the perpetrators could be arrested immediately. The armed men, who remain unidentified as of press time, peppered a van owned by Magelco as it was traversing Barangay Iganagampong in Datu Unsay. Magelco account supervisor Elson Paguital was instantly killed while van driver Andaman Mamadra was injured. Magelco manager Bo Dafielmoto said the victims were to inspect power lines when ambushed.

Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Bolder robberies

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DIGOS CITY—Robbers in Davao del Sur have become bolder, police said. On Tuesday morning, three armed suspects held up businesswoman Luzviminda Centino, 47, in the crowded business district here. Centino had just come out from a bank after withdrawing P120,000 when the suspects held her up. They took her money and disappeared in the crowd. Chief Inspector Cesar Cabuhat, city police chief, said they believed the same suspects were responsible for other robbery incidents in the city. He said the police were working double time to catch up the members of the group, which victimizes businessmen.

Eldie S. Aguirre, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Funeral parlor owner shot

LILIW, Laguna—A funeral parlor owner was seriously hurt after allegedly being shot by a businessman on June 11, police said. Fedelito Mendoza of Barangay Bagongbayan, San Pablo City, suffered a bullet wound and was rushed for surgery at the San Pablo Medical Center. A police report identified the suspect as Cesar Duller of Barangay Ilayang Palina in this town. Investigators, who recovered an empty shell of a caliber pistol in the crime scene after the 2:15 p.m shooting incident, said a major tiff may have occurred between the victim and suspect.

Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

3 held for shabu

CALAMBA CITY—Police raided another suspected "shabu tiangge" in Lumban, Laguna and arrested three people, including an alleged big-time drug dealer, early Wednesday morning. Supt. Ricardo Villanueva, chief of the police's special operations group, said arrested were suspected drug pusher Nenita Arevalo, 51; Edwin Serrado, 53, and his daughter, Raquel Serrado, 30. Villanueva said Serrado's wife, Remedios, eluded arrest. Villanueva said Arevalo and Remedios were the biggest suppliers of shabu in the third and fourth districts of Laguna. "Lumban is now the biggest drug hub in the region. Drug pushers in the area can sell a kilo of shabu in just three days," Villanueva said in a phone interview.

Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Village chief nabbed

LEGAZPI CITY—Agents of the National Bureau of Investigation in Bicol and Manila on Wednesday arrested seven persons, including a barangay captain, in simultaneous raids in Naga City and Bonbon, Camarines Sur, for possession of banned drugs and firearms. NBI regional director Ricardo Diaz, who led the four raiding teams, identified the suspects as Raul Rosales, a barangay captain of Barangay Balatas in Naga City; brothers Arnulfo, Ronaldo, and Faustino Abagat, all of Barangay Sta. Cruz, Naga City; Victor Lorenzo Rosales and Jaime Verdejo Jr. The suspects installed video cameras and microphone equipment in their hideouts to warn them of approaching lawmen.

Ephraim Aguilar, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Power co-op told to refund ₱3B to consumers

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—THE ENERGY Regulatory Commission (ERC) has ordered the Panay Electric Company (Peco) to refund its consumers nearly P3 billion in overcharges.

In a 10-page order dated June 9, the ERC ordered Peco to start the refund of P2,888,220,748 in the next billing period from receipt of the order until the full amount is paid.

Peco is the sole power distributor of the 180 barangays of Iloilo City. It has around 40,000 consumers.

Peco legal counsel Salvador Altura said they have not received a copy of the order and would still have to go into the details.

But he told the INQUIRER that they have not collected unauthorized charges from their consumers.

He added that the amount collected from generation charges are remitted to their power supplier in the purchase of electricity it distributes to its consumers.

The ERC also directed Peco to submit within 10 days from its initial implementation of the refund a sworn statement indicating Peco's compliance with the order and its refund scheme.

The power firm was also ordered to reflect the refund separately in the monthly bill of consumers and to submit an implementation report to the ERC before the end of January starting next year until the refund is completed.

The order was signed by ERC Chair Rodoldo Albano and Commissioners Jesus Alcordo, Alejandro Barin and Rauf Tan.

In its order, the ERC said refund covers over-recoveries for 114 months from February 1996 to October 1998 and from November 1998 to July 2005.

The ERC said Peco over-collected P2,887,386,470 from its consumers because it charged a higher power cost charge, or the cost of purchasing power from the Panay Power Corp. (PPC), Peco's sole power provider.

The power purchased agreement (PPA) between Peco and PPC provided that its power cost should be equal to or less than that of the National Power Corp., the commission said in its order.

Peco also converted pilferage recovery costs into sales resulting in an overcharge of P3,139,534.

The ERC, then called the Energy Regulatory Board, had ordered Peco on Feb. 14, 1999 to refund its consumers P841,381.20 for overcharges from October 1992 to January 1996.

The ERB order said some of the expenses should be excluded from the generation charge collected by Peco from its consumers because these were "not directly related to the production or distribution of power and do not redound to the benefit of consumers." The expenses include advertising, public donation, representation and profit sharing.

The case stemmed from a case filed by lawyer Romeo Gerochi charging Peco with collecting unauthorized expenses through its generation charges since 1989.

Gerochi also accused Peco of overcharging its consumers by jacking up its generation cost and including expenses not related to the generation of electricity.

FARMERS in Manaring, Ilagan, Isabela beat the scorching heat of the sun as they carry harvested corn to a sheller on May 23. As school opening approaches, farmers work double time to earn income to send their children to school. VILLAMOR VISAYA JR./PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

GMA tags North Luzon as 1 of 4 'super regions'

CAUAYAN CITY—PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo said the government is pushing the agribusiness potential of North Luzon under her administration's thrust of developing "super regions" in the country.

The President, during her visit in Isabela on Friday, said she would sign an executive order outlining the boundaries of the development areas and mechanisms to further promote economic development and productivity in the regions.

Reports said the Arroyo administration has identified four super regions that would be turned into investment and development areas. These are: North Luzon (which covers Regions 1, 2 and the Cordillera Administrative Region, including the provinces of Aurora and Nueva Ecija), Metro Luzon (Regions 3, 4A and Metro Manila), Central Philippines (Regions 4B, 5, 6, 7 and 8) and Mindanao (Regions 9 to 13 and the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao).

Economic Planning Secretary Romulo Neri said the investment areas in the Ilocos, Cagayan Valley and Cordillera are near the markets in China and Taiwan through the Laoag International Airport in Ilocos Norte.

During her visit, Ms Arroyo opened the P287.9-million Dalibubon bridge in Jones town. The bridge, which took six years to complete, was named after Prospero Bello Bridge in honor of Jones' former mayor and Isabela assemblyman.

The President also went to the Isabela State University in Echague town to open the President Diosdado Macapagal Cyber Library.

At least 20 students, who identified themselves as members of the League of Filipino Students, waited for Ms Arroyo and held a lightning rally in front of the ISU main gate, about 20 meters from the facility.

The students, however, failed to see the President as she proceeded to the university amphitheater, about 500 meters away.

The students tried to enter the university gates but were turned back by policemen. *Villamor Visaya Jr. and Melvin Gascon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Mayor seeks justice for slain bodyguard, 2 men

TUGUEGARAO MAYOR RANDOLF Ting yesterday led the call for justice for the murder of a former policeman and two civilians and the attempted murder of a young boy a month ago.

In a press statement, Ting said he ordered authorities to conduct a thorough investigation of the killing of his personal bodyguard, Pedro Gutierring, the murder of civilians Candido Macarubbo, 71, Tomas Baccay, 41, and the attempted murder of Kevin, a 7-year-old son of Gutierring.

Senior Supt. James Andres Melad, Cagayan police chief, has already directed his men to establish the motive behind the crime and identify the mastermind.

Macarubbo, Baccay and Guittering died on the spot while the young boy is reported in critical condition in an undisclosed hospital.

"We demand justice for the killing of our father and his friends" said Jerry Macarubbo, son of one of the victims.

Ting urged other law enforcement agencies and the Philippine National Police's Regional Command to join forces in the investigation.

Melad said the four victims had just attended a funeral Mass and were waiting to join the march in front of a chapel when four men in a Nissan Sentra (BCP-715) appeared from behind and attacked them on May 10 at around 8 a.m.

One of the suspects shot the victims, using an M-16 Armalite rifle.

Ting urged the Cagayan police to put up a 24-hour police checkpoint.

He vowed to extend assistance to the victims and their families.

CSC fires Pampanga gov't worker over tampered time records

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—GOVernment workers, be honest with your daily time records (DTRs).

A top official in the provincial government of Pampanga got the axe from the Civil Service Commission in Central Luzon when she submitted two DTRs for July 2004.

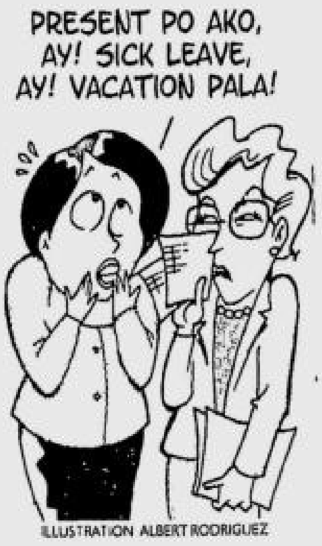

PRESENT PO AKO, AY! SICK LEAVE, AY! VACATION PALA!

ILLUSTRATION ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

The first showed she was present from July 14-16. The second, also for the same dates, said she was on sick leave. On those days, however, she was abroad.

Then, she filed a vacation leave when she came home, not at least five days before making the foreign trip. Correcting this, she filed a sick leave instead but neither she nor a member of her family was ill during the leave period.

What did CSC Regional Director Karin Litz Zerna make of these?

In a decision issued on June 5, Zerna found Lulu Alingcastre, provincial general services officer, guilty of dishonesty and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service.

As a penalty, she ordered Alingcastre dismissed from the service. She also forfeited the officer's retirement benefits, canceled her eligibility and disqualified her from any government work. Alingcastre has worked for the government for 19 years.

Zerna also advised the provincial government to adopt a modern time-keeping system for all its officials and employees, possibly a fail-safe palm-scanning time recorder.

The capitol uses a bundy clock that marks the date and time when a card is slipped into it. Then, the card owner affixes his or her signature to attest truth to those data. Civil servants are required to lend eight hours of work.

Alingcastre has been given 15 days to file a motion for reconsideration at the CSC regional office. She also has the option to file an appeal at the commission's national office, go to the Court of Appeals and up to the Supreme Court.

In the decision, Zerna said the formal charge against the capitol official stemmed from an anonymous complaint, which alleged that department heads of the provincial government "travel abroad almost every month."

"Their lifestyle is not commensurate to their salary. They do not file their leave of absence," the complainant said.

A CSC special audit team investigated and confirmed the filing by Alingcastre of two DTRs.

In an answer, Alingcastre admitted the mistakes but said these were "in no way borne by dishonesty nor any unlawful cause." The DTRs, she claimed, were prepared by two of her staffers. But Zerna said this task should not be delegated to somebody else.

The CSC director cited the civil service rule on government office hours. It states: "Falsification or irregularities in the keeping of time records will render the guilty officer or employee administratively liable without prejudice to criminal prosecution as the circumstances warrant."

She added: "After all her two decades of government service, Alingcastre should have known what was right and expected of her as an employee and now, as a department head, at very basic, as far as truthfully and faithfully keeping hours of work on the prescribed form is concerned." *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Book planned to essay Kapampangan spirit

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—A P1-million book project on the experiences of the Kapampangan during the Mt. Pinatubo disaster was launched on Thursday on the 15th anniversary of the 1991 eruptions, to arm the next generations with lessons to deal with similar catastrophe.

The Laus Group of Companies (LGC), Pampanga Heritage Foundation (PHF) and the Society of Pampanga Columnists (SPC) are putting together the book that would be released on June 15 next year.

Speaking on radio station dwRW, LGC Chair Levy Laus aired calls for contributions of photographs, stories and memorabilia from residents who went through those life-threatening times.

Of the three provinces that experienced the wrath of the volcano, Pampanga would be the first to put the human drama of the crisis in words and pictures, Laus said. The province is on the eastern side of the volcano straddling the Zambales mountain range.

Triumph of spirit

Other books—among them "Fire and Mud" by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology and the University of Washington Press, and "Politics of Lahar" by Dr. Kelvin Rodolfo—tackled the scientific and technical aspects and political dimension of the disaster, the worst in the world in the second half of the 20th century.

DRIVEN by the Pinatubo eruption to abject poverty, children from communities around the volcano beg for help in this 1991 photo shortly after the volcano's eruption. PDI PHOTO

PHF's Dave Jimenez and SPC's Caesar Lacson, the editor, said the book would be woven around the theme "triumph of the Kapampangan spirit."

It will chronicle the prelude to the blasts, the abandonment by the United States forces of Clark Air Base, the June 15 climactic eruptions and the succeeding lahar onslaught.

The book will also talk about the engineering interventions and relief and resettlement efforts in the aftermath of the eruption and the struggle for survival by the Kapampangan and Aeta.

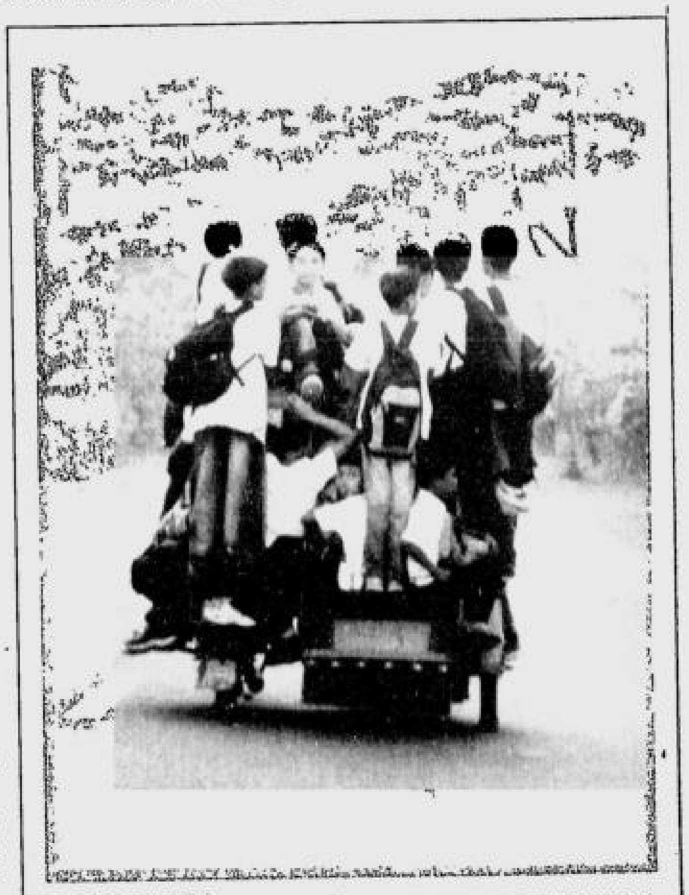
Laus proposed to put a lot of photographs to help future generations visualize the magnitude of the disaster and the grief it caused on a province that used to be ahead of Cebu in economic terms.

Unity

Almost down on its knees, Pampanga was saved by the unity of the Kapampangan who fought off plans by the national government to consign the province to burial by lahar or relocate the entire population to Mindanao, Mayor Oscar Rodriguez, a representative at that time, recalled during the launch.

The city on June 15 observed the "Mount Pinatubo Commemorative Day." Executive Order No. 017, signed by Rodriguez on June 9, set aside every 15th of June for that event.

"The acts of self-denial and unity of the Kapampangan against the onslaught of lahar, and their resiliency and capability to face disaster and bounce back need to be remembered and enshrined in the consciousness of every Kapampangan," the order said. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*



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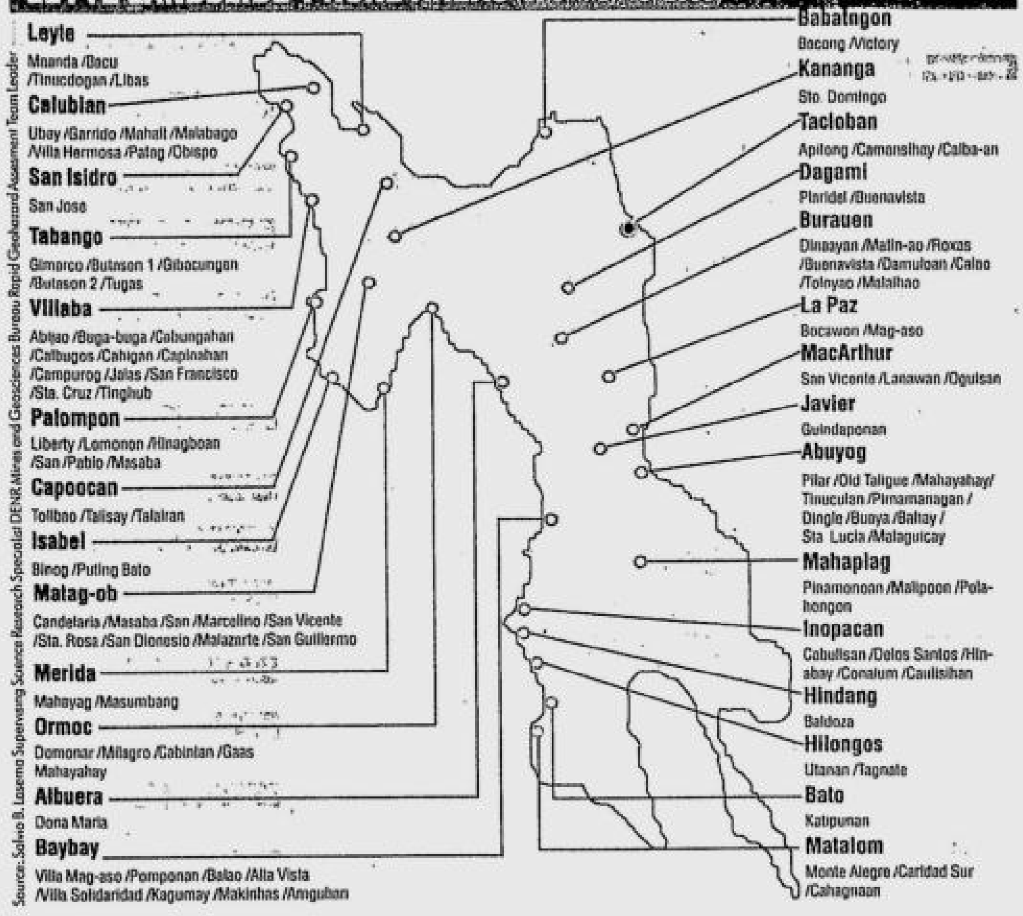
Students take a ride to school in a jampacked tricycle in Irosin, Sorsogon, a common sight in the town where public transportation comes in the form of tricycles or jeeps that seat passengers on roofs.

LEYTE LANDSLIDE-PRONE AREAS (As of May [illegible] 2006)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DENR tags 190 villages in Leyte landslide prone

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT and Natural Resources identified 190 of the 1,341 villages in Leyte province as prone to landslides in varying degrees from moderate to high.

With the onslaught of the rainy season, experts from the DENR's Mines and Geosciences Bureau rushed to complete their geo-hazard assessment of Leyte and Biliran provinces.

The MGB report showed that 117 barangays in Leyte had high susceptibility to landslides while 240 have moderate landslide susceptibility.

Thirty-four barangays had low chances of having a landslide while the majority, or 739 barangays, were not susceptible to landslides at all, the report, submitted on May 12, said.

Environment Secretary Angelo T. Reyes sent a team of 35 experts to Leyte in February to assess the landslide susceptibility of the barangays and find suitable relocation areas for the residents of Guinsaugon.

A mudslide had buried the entire Guinsaugon village in St. Bernard, Southern Leyte in February, killing about a thousand people.

The MGB also identified 18 barangays in Biliran province as highly prone to landslides and 45 barangays with moderate landslide susceptibility.

Reyes said the landslide-prone areas are those that have experienced recent landslides, have numerous and large-tension cracks that would directly affect the community, drainages that are prone to damming, and steep slopes.

Moderately susceptible barangays are those with small tension cracks, old landslides, and moderate slopes. Low-risk barangays have gentler slopes and no cracks.

The government is working to finish the mapping of landslide prone areas for 486 municipalities or 12,000 barangays earlier than the 2008 deadline with the help of international agencies donating devices and sharing expertise.

The MGB has identified only 10 areas that are highly susceptible to landslide, which include Benguet, Mt. Province, Nueva Vizcaya, Kalinga Apayao, Southern Leyte, Abra, Marinduque, Cebu, Catanduanes, and Ifugao.

More than a thousand people, mostly children, remain missing in Guinsaugon and Southern Leyte officials have proposed that they be declared dead to allow the release of financial assistance to their relatives.

Teams from various countries took part in the search and rescue operations for the victims, but they gave up when it became clear that no one would be alive in the tons of mud and rocks that buried the village.

The tragedy prompted local and international donors to pour assistance to the relatives of those who died in the landslide.

Tons of relief goods distributed in Guinsaugon

By Jani Arnaiz
PDI Visayas Bureau

ST BERNARD, SOUTHERN Leyte—Tons of relief goods from Malaysia were finally distributed to the victims of last February's massive landslide, more than a month after these were brought in by the Royal Malaysian Air Force C-130.

The distribution also quelled speculations that the relief goods were hoarded so these would be used during the elections in 2007.

But Southern Leyte Gov. Rosette Lerias explained that they decided to hold off the delivery of the goods to the beneficiaries after they found a discrepancy between the items of goods listed on the manifest and the actual goods delivered.

The Malaysian donation consisted of chocolate drinks, condensed milk, infant milk powder, canned muttons, canned beef, assorted biscuits, 300 cooking pots, 300 cooking pans, 500 packets of female sanitary pads, 500 packets of bath soap at 3 bars per packet and instant noodles.

"(So) we informed the Malaysian Embassy of the discrepancy of the actual goods received from the list of the items the embassy gave," said Lerias who received the relief goods in Tacloban City on May 10.

The governor said they were advised to put off the distribution while the embassy officials were looking for the missing items.

"We only got a fax message from Malaysian Embassy on May 31 to proceed with the distribution as they continued to trace the lacking items saying that this has happened before...," Lerias said.

The distribution finally took place on June 7 at the Cristo Rey Regional High School in Barangay Guinsaugon, St. Bernard.

Among the beneficiaries were 311 families from Guinsaugon who lost their homes and their loved ones when the landslide wiped out their village on Feb. 17.

The other beneficiaries were about 700 families from Barangays Nueva Esperanza, Sug-angon, Ayahag, Magatas, Hinabian, and Atuyan who have been evacuated.

"We don't care if we finish the distribution until the wee hours of the morning," said Lerias.

The provincial government has declared the entire area that was buried under tons of mud and rocks a sacred sanctuary.

Lerias said that since the Guinsaugon tragedy, hundreds of visitors have been going to the site to offer prayers and flowers for those who died in the landslide.

She said Guinsaugon had been visited not only by local tourists but by foreigners as well.

With people from different areas coming in to visit Guinsaugon, Lerias said she would discuss with St. Bernard Mayor Maria Lim the construction of markers where the affected families could pay respects to the dead and honor the volunteers who took part in rescue efforts.

2 more HIV cases found in Angeles City bars

ANGELES CITY—TWO MORE commercial sex workers here have been found positive for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or AIDS, raising the total number of cases to 74 since 1985, a city health official said on Friday.

Dr. Teresita Esguerra, chair of the City AIDS Council, said the latest HIV-positive persons were women who worked in bars on Fields Avenue. They have not been seen in the area since undergoing tests in March this year, she said.

Esguerra said the center was expecting them to return to avail of counseling and medical help.

Informed that the city's share of HIV cases has remained low at less than 1 percent of the total number of cases recorded in 10 AIDS sentinel sites in the Philippines, US Ambassador Kristie Kenney told leaders of the City AIDS Council that she was impressed by the focus on efforts to prevent the spread of the disease.

Kenney on Friday visited the Reproductive Health and Wellness Center near the red light district of Fields Avenue.

Esguerra said HIV/AIDS incidents in Angeles could be considered "very low" when viewed against the 2,450 cases in the country from 1984 to 2005.

Mayor Carmelo Lazatin was not one to deny the problem.

"We're the first city to admit we have AIDS cases in Angeles. Nobody wants to admit [that before]," Lazatin told Kenney.

"Some of these problems are global threats. They're not specific to one country. They're not specific to borders and boundaries if you don't have them you will... I'm very pleased that the Philippines really has a very low rate of HIV/AIDS [infection]. That's a very good thing but you want to keep it that way," Kenney said.

Lazatin said "preventative education" was the same approach the Philippine government took in keeping the country free from the bird flu virus.

"I think that's fantastic and I want you to know we're committed to continue to help you on that. I think that's really impressive," Kenney said.

In an interview later, she said the American government gives $1.5 million (P79.965 million) a year to support the programs of the Department of Health and the Philippine National AIDS Council to keep HIV and AIDS at bay.

Of the first 61 confirmed cases during the last years of the US military's Clark Air Base, at least 20 have died from full-blown AIDS, Esguerra said. Most have returned to the provinces, she said.

She said 55 in that batch reported that they might have gotten the virus from foreigners among their customers.

The council has not made it mandatory for foreign tourists to present health certificates when they visit the city from October to January. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

JDV gung ho on Cha-cha despite Church opposition

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—THE ROMAN Catholic Church's protest against the people's initiative as a mode to amend the Constitution has not dampened Speaker Jose de Venecia's optimism that the country will have a unicameral parliamentary form of government in place by the end of the year.

De Venecia told a news conference here that he was "98 percent" sure that Charter change would take place within the year.

He left a two percent for the possibility that the Supreme Court would rule against it should the people's initiative be questioned by those opposed to it.

But De Venecia said in two to three weeks, all the signatures that had been gathered would be verified and submitted to the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

It would be up to the poll body to decide if the petition was sufficient in form and substance and if the required three percent of the voting population per district had been met.

"We have already reached way way beyond the constitutional requirement of number of signatures for a people's initiative with 9.5 million signatures already gathered and still many signing," he said.

The minimum number of signatures needed is 5.1 million, he said.

CHA-CHA
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ANTI-Charter change protesters express their anger during a demonstration June 12.

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Supreme Court

"It's an overwhelming endorsement by the Filipino people of the people's initiative authorized under the Constitution," he said.

As long as the Supreme Court would not issue a restraining order, De Venecia said the process would continue and the Comelec could set a plebiscite to determine if the people were in favor of changing the form of government from presidential to a unicameral parliamentary by Sept. 1 or Oct. 1.

"But I think the Supreme Court in its great wisdom as the last arbiter in our society will recognize that this is the overwhelming will of the Filipino people," he said.

The Constitution guarantees that by direct action of the people amendments to the Constitution can be made, he said.

De Venecia said changing the Constitution through a constituent assembly was not possible because of the Senate's opposition.

"But we will continue to reach out to members of the Senate," he said.

As to the Church protests against changing the Constitution through what it calls a questionable people's initiative, De Venecia said there were protests in certain areas which was very normal.

"There are always those who will take a negative route and we respect that, that is why we are in a democracy," he said, "but I assure you we have the overwhelming number."

No-el

Asked if a shift toward a parliamentary form of government would mean no elections next year, De Venecia said the public opinion was for elections in 2007 and he was for it.

It will be the members of the interim parliament who would set the election date, he said.

The adoption of a federal system that is being pushed in the provinces will be taken up by the interim parliament, he said.

Meanwhile, he said Congress has already approved the postponement of the barangay elections to October 2008.

De Venecia was in Bacolod City to speak to the barangay captains of the city and the Philippine Councilor's League 6th Visayas Island Congress.

On the issue of the bombings, De Venecia said he believes extremists in the opposition were behind some of the bombings in Metro Manila.

"I think some in the opposition, I will not say all," he said.

When pressed to identify extremists in the opposition, he replied: "you know them...don't get me into trouble."

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon and Aquilino Pimentel on Thursday said police should stop accusing the political opposition for the series of bombings.

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School copes with classroom shortage

By Michael Sarcauga
Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur

PROBLEM: IF YOU TEACH IN A school which has 1,604 students but only 13 classrooms—a ratio of about 123:1—what will you do?

Possibly, one solution is to talk to teachers at the Dumingag National High School in Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur, for they have to exert extra effort to make sure their students learn in crowded, makeshift classrooms. Also, talk to the students, for they have to endure the rain and heat.

To address the classroom shortage in the school, three classes are held on the bleachers of a grandstand and five more under—which members of the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) walled with plywood to shield the students from the rain and sun—and still another class in an open multipurpose hall.

Classes have been conducted in the grandstand for the past four years, said one of the teachers, Josephine Hangad.

Another teacher, Rhoem Bontuyan, who handles Technology and Livelihood Education classes, said the students on the bleachers had to move from time to time, to avoid the sun.

"But we have to endure the heat that comes from the galvanized iron roofing of the grandstand," Bontuyan said.

Classes on the bleachers and at the multipurpose hall are disrupted by the "noise from the rain falling on the roof."

"We really have to stop the lectures and instead make students do an activity which requires no discussion or lecture," Bontuyan said.

Ian Rey Villegas, a third year student who sits on the bleachers, said he had difficulty concentrating on the lessons because of the heat and noise.

Three classes are held simultaneously in the area, two meters apart and without any wall between them. Students in one class said they could hear the teacher lecturing in the next.

Rapril Tigley, a third year student, said he had no choice but to attend his classes rather than stay at home.

The school also has a textbook problem. According to Hangad, three students share one textbook.

Only 239 textbooks in Mathematics are available for the more than 630 freshman students.

Faced with these problems, the teachers must employ creative methods so that their students can understand their lessons, according to Sylvia Lofranco, a Math teacher.

"A teacher must be innovative and creative ... so they can be effective. At first, it is difficult to manage them (large classes) but you get used to it because you have no other choice," she said.

According to Hangad, the teachers are patient and determined.

"In one of our meetings with the parents, we told them that our teachers were doing their best to teach the students," Hangad said.

PTA president Alexander Maca acknowledged that the school needed help and that the teachers were taking action to solve the problem.

"The problem cannot be solved by the teachers alone, so we try to assist them. The parents contribute money from their own pockets to pay for the teachers and classroom renovations," said Maca, who sends four children to the school.

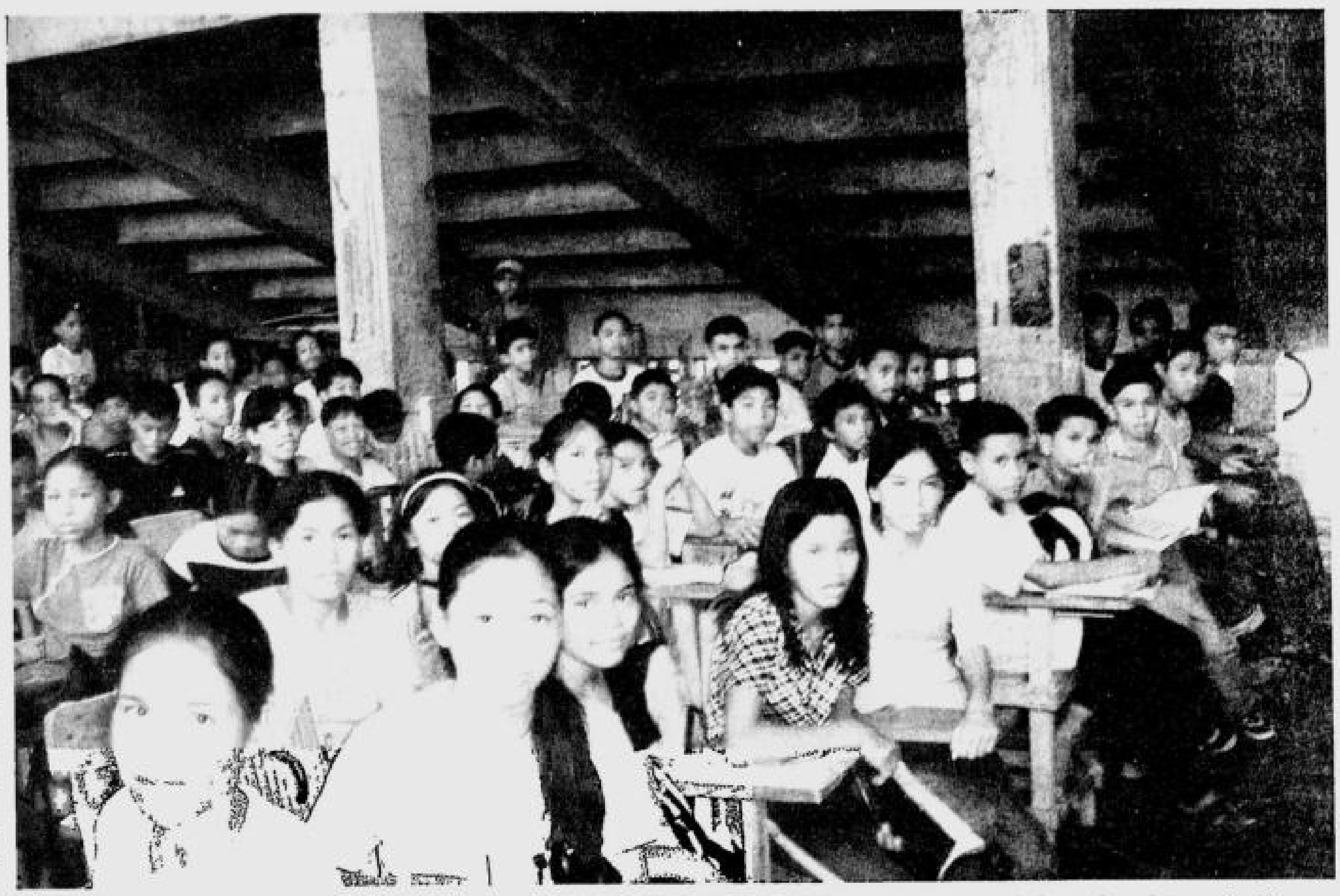
The PTA has pledged to shoulder the salaries of six teachers.

Maca added that the municipal government was also helping pay for the salaries of 17 teachers.

"Mayor Edgardo Jamero is very supportive of our needs, but we cannot totally rely on the local government for help. The national government should do something," he said.

Hangad said the Department of Education planned to build two more classrooms this year.

The PTA will also raise funds for the construction of five *nipa* huts to serve as temporary classrooms.



CLASSES held at the bleachers and under the bleachers of a grandstand prove to be difficult for students and teachers in Dumingag National High School in Zamboanga del Sur. Students complain they cannot concentrate due to noise and heat while teachers have to endure crowded classes. Classes on the bleachers have to move around to avoid direct sunlight while classes are disrupted during rain days. *(Photos at right)*
MICHAEL SARCAUGA

Teachers find deeper meaning of teaching

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Kidapawan City

WHEN ART JIMENEZ FACED HIS students at the Manongol National High School in Kidapawan City in North Cotabato at the start of classes last week, a sea of boyish grins and girly giggles swamped him.

The familiar cool mountain breeze produced goose bumps but his hands were not sweating, unlike last year's first day of school.

The waywardness of the students was irritating, though. Still, the 29-year-old teacher kept his composure and confidence, in synch with the calmness of Mount Apo at the backdrop.

Later, he confessed to being ready for battle through a different approach, thanks to a recent life-changing experience.

"I realized that learning would be a lot easy for the students if as a teacher, I practiced what I preached to them. Before, I only thought of myself and that my existence here was because I was forced to function," Jimenez said, adding:

"Now, I am more aware of my influence to them as a teacher and that is a big responsibility. I just went through a life-changing experience and it will not just reside idly in me but has to be translated to how I am going to teach my students ... It has to be transferred and shown."

Saving people, oneself

Jimenez was referring to a situation in which he was in an icy cold swimming pool with people struggling for their lives around him. Though horrified at the sight, he had to decide on saving the people around him and himself although he was no expert swimmer.

"We often talk about doing good things for others but things are always different out in the desert or in the cold waters. Still, you will be touched by other people's goodness or by your own simple goodness," he said.

"Sometimes, circumstances require you to save yourself and save others, and you will be very pleased at the outcome."

Jimenez and 55 other high school teachers from Kidapawan and the provinces of Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Leyte and Albay joined the first ever Teacher's Energy Camp of the Philippine National Oil Corp.-Energy Development Corp. (PNOC-EDC) at the foot of Apo.

The facility was designed for participants to improve themselves, their teaching and their outlook in life.

Agnesia Millanes, 45, a teacher of the Dolores National High School in Ormoc City, said that after what she went through, she was now equipped with a different but effective teaching strategy. She is now more mature in understanding and dealing with youthful enthusiasm and aggressiveness, she said.

"Students will always try to edge each other out. They are so competitive and even aggressive that they are often misunderstood. Everything will turn out differently for them if we mishandle these things, and we can only feel guilty in the end," Millanes said.

As a mother and teacher for 22 years, Millanes said she was aware of the various issues that students confronted and how these affected their performance in school and would change their own lives.

"Students have a lot of fears that can develop into full-blown crises if not addressed. I know in my heart now that I can already handle issues of fear and problems with self-confidence because of my experiences here in this camp," she said.

Conquering fears

"Here, I also conquered some of my own fears. Later, I became more confident about the things that I knew and the things I could actually do. I learned these because I tried and was successful at putting myself in the shoes of my students," she added.

During their five-day stay, the teachers took various challenges that not only tested their ability to compete with each other but also allowed them to develop self-esteem, discipline and teamwork.

Teddy Catindig, a former education undersecretary who served as the participants' adviser and debriefer, said the teachers went through a "going-out-of-the-box," a very essential effort for them to be creative and adventurous in finding answers to questions and solutions to problems that could be theirs or their students'.

"They are actually learning here. It's expanding the horizon and what is important is that their discovery of their self-confidence and conquering of their fears because they were forced to do things that never did they imagine of doing ... Some teachers were so afraid of the heights but after one activity, change happened," Catindig said.

He was referring to a series of physically and mentally demanding activities. In one instance, the teachers were directed to cross a mountain ridge on a tightrope. In another, they rappelled down a cliff and were thrown into a deep pool to save one another.

Teamwork

In the forest, they found themselves working in teams or competing with other teams. Personal development was highlighted as they get lessons on social graces and table etiquette.

The teachers were also taught about composting, as well as the importance of the watershed and the environment as a whole.

"It is hoped that this will mold them to become better caretakers of the natural resources and for them to realize that it is not yet too late for them to become guardians of the environment," said camp manager Noel Baynosa.

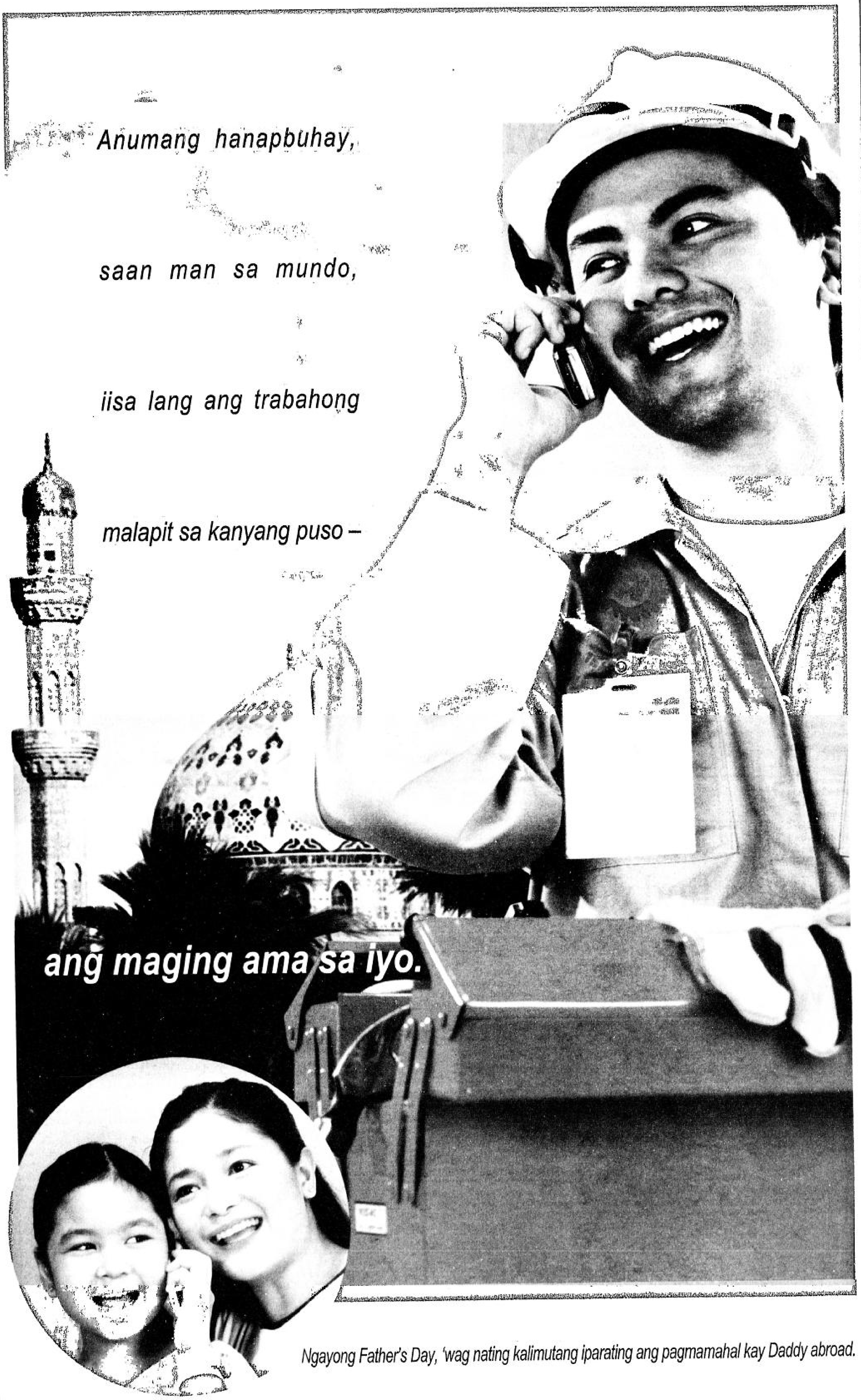
"The issue of environmental protection is so important today that we know how our resources are gravely utilized and mishandled. Through this activity we hope that environmental protection and preservation will be given more importance," he added.

For Catindig, the teachers were able to discover what teaching was really all about—finding important educational elements and materials that can never be found in the classroom.

"It is about expanding the horizon and realizing values which can never be taught but which instead can be gained from experience. And these can be picked from your interaction with others, how you respond to them and how you cooperate," he said.

"These teachers kept their faith to themselves and to each other when they competed and accomplished tasks ... and that makes up for a very collaborative and effective teaching and learning experience."

GOING out of the box, these teachers are able to face challenges and pick new experiences outside the classroom that they say could well help them in teaching their students.
JEFFREY M. TUPAS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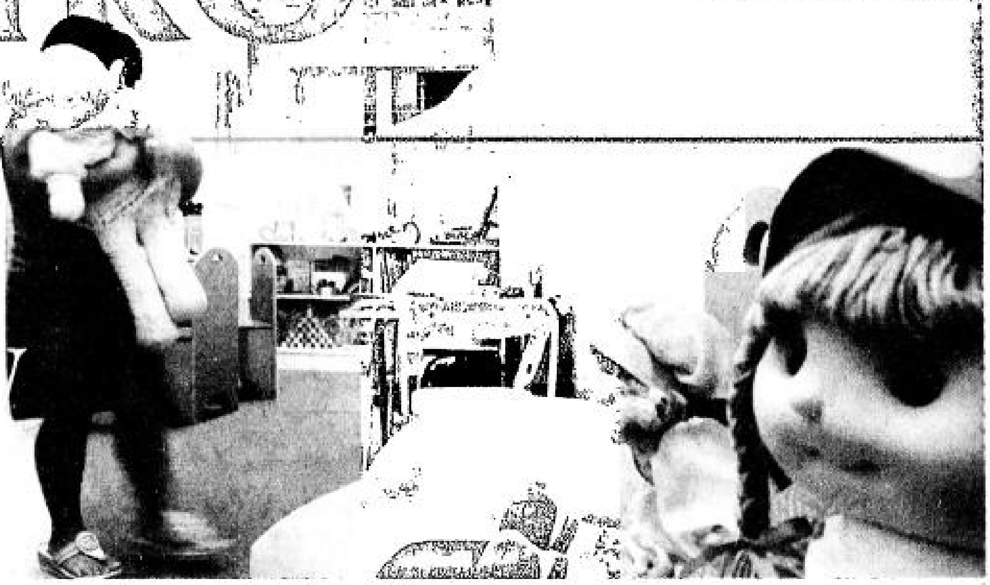
Journey to healing starts with art and play

Newly designed Children's Room more conducive to therapy



THE NEWLY opened Children's Room at the center.

By DJ Yap

ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR OF THE EAST Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) in Quezon City is a small rectangular room where children recover from all manner of inner hurts and ailments.

With its walls painted a soft blue, this hospital room has no sickbeds and sterile machinery—only toys, bean bags, books and videos.

It is a place where young survivors of abuse and domestic violence can freely express their feelings—through art or play—to begin their journey toward healing.

The Women's Crisis Center (WCC), in partnership with The Body Shop Philippines, recently inaugurated the Children's Room of the Women and Children Crisis and Protection Unit (WCCPU) at the EAMC.

"In this place, children can read, watch videos and play with toys alone, or with a group. They can be just themselves here," said WCC executive director Sally Ujano.

"Before the Children's Room was opened, our counselors met with the kids in rooms that were not designed with children in mind," Ujano said.

Not conducive to healing

The plainly-furnished counseling rooms were not conducive to healing work with children, she added. "Given the number of young survivors we talked to last year, we knew we had to do something," Ujano said.

Funded by The Body Shop, a cosmetics company heavy on corporate social responsibility, the Children's Room is now furnished with art materials and toys, a television set and DVD player, complete with educational and recreational videos. A corner of the room was also converted into a reading and storytelling area.

The room was designed to integrate creativity, self-expression and fun in the children's path toward learning and recovery, according to Ma. Eula Espe of The Body Shop Philippines.

Nonviolent toys

"The toys and materials here were specifically chosen so as not to include violent toys like guns, swords and knives," she added.

The WCCPU is the first hospital-based crisis intervention center for women and children in the country, jointly managed by a government hospital (EAMC) and a nongovernment organization (WCC).

The result of a pilot project in 1996 called Project Haven, it was conceptualized by women's organizations, the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women and funded by the Department of Health and the United Nations Population Fund.

It is a venue where women and children who were victims of abuse can relate with others who have gone through a similar experience in a nonthreatening, nonviolent and emotionally supportive environment, according to WCCPU executive director Eden Bonagua-Parot.

One of the children recovering at the facility is Ria Soriano (not her real name). She was 10 years old when her father attempted to rape her. He stopped the assault when she cried out, but he told her that he would wait until she grew up.

The previously energetic Ria became depressed and suicidal and stopped going to school. When her mother learned about the abuse, she filed a case against her husband and brought Ria to the WCCPU at the EAMC for counseling and case management.

Victims of abuse

Ria is just one of the hundreds of abused children who were brought to the WCCCPU-EAMC in 2005. With ages ranging from 9-17 years old, the children's cases varied, but the majority were sexual abuse cases, from molestation and sexual harassment to incestuous and stranger rape.

There were also children brought in after being maltreated in their homes or by other adults, and a huge number of secondary survivors—children of battered women (ranging from 0-17 years of age) whose ordeal of domestic violence also manifested in their dysfunctional behavior.

Bonagua-Parot explained that as a crisis intervention center, the primary function of the WCCCPU was to provide temporary assistance for abuse victims, offering services like counseling and temporary shelter. The center would then refer the women and children to more suitable institutions for their care while ensuring that they would be looked after in the long term, she said.

Children tagging along

Bonagua-Parot said the center did not originally accept children, only women, but officers later found out that women tended to bring their children along when visiting the center.

Children of battered or abused women would sometimes show "dysfunctional behavior" because of their exposure to violence in the home, she said.

"When they're playing, you'll notice that they bang their toys or hit their playmates," she said. This is even more true for children who are victims of abuse themselves, she added.

"Sometimes, children don't want to talk about what happened to them, so they resort to more physical ways to show how they feel," said Marivic Pilarta, one of the counselors.

Art and play can go a long way in helping children express their feelings, she said, adding that the Children's Room was one of the ways that the center could reach out to them.

"Children need to trust you first before they open up. If a counselor talks to them in an ordinary room intended for adults, they'll be uncomfortable. But in the Children's Room, they feel more carefree. They're always welcome here," Pilarta said.

WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER MANILA

THE WOMEN'S Crisis Center: A place where victims of abuse find refuge. PHOTOS BY EDWIN BACASMAS

WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTEF I ANILA

AMONG the guests during the opening of the Children's Room were (from left) **Dr. Anita C. Flores** of the Pediatrics Department of the East Avenue Medical Center; **Ma. Salome Ujano**, Women's Crisis Center executive director; **Jill Beckingham**, representing her husband, British Ambassador Peter Beckingham and **Paddy Stavres** of the British Women's Association.

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A school for Dumagat elders in Tanay

Alternative learning program teaches mountain community it's never too late to learn

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

UP IN THE MOUNTAINS OF SIERRA Madre in Tanay, Rizal, some elderly members of the Dumagat tribe are discovering a passion for learning.

"We are happy that we are learning new things. Our parents and grandparents had never thought of letting us go to school," Lope dela Cruz, who thinks he is already more than 60 years old, said in broken Filipino, stopping once in a while to chew on a betel nut.

"Now, even if we are already very old, we can show our children and grandchildren that we are striving to learn," he added, showing his red teeth.

Dela Cruz is one of the Dumagats who are benefiting from an alternative learning program which the Department of Education has been implementing in the area since 2003.

First-timers

Called the basic literacy program, it was formulated by the DepEd specially for tribe members like the Dumagats who have never been to school, according to Lyn Sanchez, teacher-in-charge.

For three to five months, around 25 "students," with ages ranging from 15 years old and upwards, hold classes in a wide clearing in a rapidly thinning forest at least twice a week, she said.

They are taught to read, write and count, guided by a module provided by the national government.

The alternative learning program, which is also being implemented in other remote areas in the country, fits the Dumagat community in the mountain village of Sitio Ilaya, Barangay Sta. Ines, which is three hours away from the town proper.

Ageless

Because of abject poverty, most of its elderly members have never learned how to read or write, preferring to look for work or forage for food to feed their growing families. Most of them do not even remember how old they are.

There are formal elementary schools at the foot of the village, like the Sta. Ines Elementary School, where some of the Dumagats have been sending their children in the last few years.

But most of the older generations had snubbed the small school since it was built in 1958, just like Dela Cruz, who even helped construct the nearby Nayon Annex School in 1972.

His childhood dream was to become a pilot and conquer the world. He is already too old to enter grade school, where the youngest of his 11 children is still enrolled.

But thanks to the alternative learning program, he can now write, although with difficulty, his own name.

Positive changes

"Writing is the most difficult for me. Our teacher even had to hold my hand every time," Lope said, regretting not having joined the first classes inside the school his own hands had helped build.

His relative, and classmate, Marina dela Cruz, who thinks she is about 50 years old, is also very proud of what she has learned during the sessions.

LYN SANCHEZ, teacher in charge of the basic literacy program, visiting some members of the Dumagat tribe. PHOTOS BY EDWIN BACASMAS

She can now read street signs, as long as they are printed in big letters, which means that she would not get lost the next time she goes to the town proper, which she and her neighbors rarely do.

And the best thing about knowing how to count? Marina said vendors can no longer deceive her as long as the amount involved does not exceed P100.

"Before, we would just give our money and leave the store," she recalled.

"Some vendors would call us back to give our change but most of the time, we just left. We did not know how much to pay and how much change to get back," she added, her loud voice standing out amid the giggles of her neighbors.

She attends the basic literacy sessions, usually held every Saturday and Sunday, unlike Lope who can only attend the sessions every Sunday because he is busy with work.

First facilitator

Some Dumagats in Sitio Ilaya still remember Roberto Musa, the program's first facilitator, who is now the district school's "mobile teacher."

Coming from a poor family, Musa, now 32, said he grabbed the teaching post when it first opened in 1999. The first difficulty he encountered was recruiting students.

"In formal schools, students enroll in the schools while I look for people who cannot read or write whom I can recruit," he told the INQUIRER.

But how do you recruit people who would rather eke out a living or are too shy to learn their ABCs and 123s now that they are much older?

"Ordinary teachers wait for their students to report to the classroom. I go to far-flung places where my students live or work," Musa said.

Later, as he became more popular in the area and word about the program began to spread, it became easier to recruit students.

Long, arduous trek

Twice a week, he would go up to the mountain village, a journey, which by itself, already posed a challenge.

The main road leading to Barangay Sta. Ines is 17 kilometers away from the town proper, where the school district office is located.

That is just the beginning, however. The main road, which is made of asphalt, later ends in a narrow and rocky dirt road which runs for 16 more kilometers, crossing about a dozen brooks and rivers of crystal clear water.

Only two passenger jeepneys make the trip, which usually takes an hour and a half. Those going out of the remote village will have to catch the first trip at 4 a.m. or the last trip for the day at 8 a.m.

THE ROAD to the mountain village of Barangay Sta. Ines is a 16-kilometer route that crosses at least a dozen brooks and rivers of crystal clear water.

THERE are formal schools in the barangay but most families cannot afford to send their children to school.

Traffic slightly improves in Mandaluyong due to new scheme

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC SCHEME on Shaw Boulevard in Mandaluyong City was finally implemented on Thursday, resulting in a slight improvement in traffic flow although some motorists were still caught by surprise.

Though a city traffic engineer said the first day showed better traffic flow in a few side streets, Mayor Neptali Gonzales II said they would continue to study the effects of the changes.

"We will be monitoring for one week, initially," Gonzales told the INQUIRER.

In an attempt to ease traffic on the usually congested Shaw Boulevard, the city government started implementing last Thursday a 14-year-old unused ordinance covering parts of the busy thoroughfare.

The city also added a few new traffic schemes to cover other areas not covered by the old ordinance, city traffic engineer Butch Javier said.

The experimental traffic scheme converted some side streets into one-way streets, prohibiting left turns in many parts of the main road.

"There was a slight improvement, especially in areas manned by our traffic enforcers," Javier said.

Some areas, however, were not manned by traffic enforcers, leaving some motorists confused about the changes.

"The changes which would prove effective would be retained. If some streets still turn out to be congested, we will have to think of some other changes," Javier added.

From being two-way side streets, the following were turned into one-way routes: Bernardo Street from Haig Street to Shaw Boulevard; Magalona Street from Shaw to Haig; Gomezville from Shaw to Guerrero Street; Luna Mencias going out to Shaw; Pilar Street from Shaw to Calderon Street; Mabini Street from Shaw to San Juan; Ideal Street from Shaw to Lee Street; Laurel Street from Shaw to Lee; Lee Street from Laurel Sr. to Shaw; Old Wack Wack Road from Shaw and Sto. Cristo Street going to Shaw.

A face of a city that was

By Quin T. Ataviado
Contributor

Face and face in the city
And when will the faces end?
Face and face in the city
But never the face of a friend

Till my heart grows sick with longing
And dazed with the din of the streets
And I listen to the thronging thousands
In a loneliness complete.

THIS OLD HIGH SCHOOL RHYME came to mind when I found an old photograph that I took in the 1960s—or almost half a century ago—of a blind man hauntingly playing a child's flute as he begged for leftover change at the corner of Rizal Avenue and Carriedo Street in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

To my recollection, he was at the intersection almost daily, filling the air with familiar tunes that he endowed with his own feeling of sadness and nostalgia amid the hordes of people who hurried by, apparently deaf and uncaring—and perhaps each absorbed in their own world and problems.

But he helped give the place its own unique character and atmosphere that some would possibly never forget—and a few would even relish—even with the passing many decades.

Partly because of him, there certainly was and never will be another place in the world like that busy corner of old Manila.

That old place is now just a memory.

The elevated railway passing overhead had darkened the area into a huge, cavern-like pit and its overwhelming buzz and din have driven off the brightly-lit and prosperous stores that once thrived there, along with their spanking wares and visibly made-up but forever forlorn sales women.

The place has lately become a well-lit promenade park of unfeeling concrete and scrubbed tiles peopled by a new breed of bystanders and pedestrians idling or hurrying by amid the relics of the old and the futile stabs at modernity and the future.

Protected from the encroachment of a new generation of hawkers and beggars like this man, and maintained with a kind of officious decorum, the place now exudes the aura of a mausoleum to a genteel by-gone era.

SOME of the elderly members of the tribe are learning to read and write alongside their children.

Those coming back from the town proper can either take the trip at noon or the last one at 3 p.m.

If you miss the jeep, you have no choice but to walk, something Musa said he did a lot of times during his seven years as a facilitator.

Shaky legs

"My legs are beginning to shake every time I go up another mountain," he stated. Although he now teaches in other remote areas in Tanay still plagued by illiteracy, he is thinking about quitting the job which has earned him local awards as outstanding educator.

In the meantime, however, Musa said he will continue serving as a mobile teacher, bringing knowledge to far-flung villages.

The remoteness of Sitio Ilaya is not the only difficulty teacher-facilitators face.

When the INQUIRER visited the village, Sanchez accompanied this writer. On the way back, she discovered that she had left her bag in one of the remote schools. Because of the distance, she decided not to go back.

Ordinarily, she could have just called up the school or sent a text message to one of her teachers, but there is no signal which would allow her to use her cellular phone in the village.

Via messenger

Sanchez said she would just do what she usually does when she wants to relay instructions to her teachers while she is at the main district office. She could send a letter either through a messenger or the jeepney drivers going up to the village.

There is also no electricity in the area, just a generator operated by barangay officials from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

At daytime, whenever officials in the Sta. Ines Elementary School or the nearby Nayon Annex School need a sound system for a program, the karaoke machine is hooked up to a car battery.

Sanchez lives elsewhere but as teacher in charge, she goes to the villages at least once a week, staying there for two days. Aside from the alternative learning program, she also oversees three formal elementary schools in the barangay.

The new program facilitator, Susan, is also a Dumagat. She has not been in Sitio Ilaya for several days because she has battling the flu.

Small pay

For her work with the Dumagats, Susan receives a P1,500 monthly allowance from the Tanay government.

Sanchez is grateful for the government's support although sometimes, the facilitator ends up spending his own money, like in Musa's case.

He recalled that he sometimes used some of his money to buy food for his students when he found out that some of them had not eaten anything before going to class.

"Later, it became fulfilling for me. Here you get to chat and even learn from your students who are usually older than you. You get to help poor residents," Musa said.

The Dumagats' eagerness to learn was quite evident during Sanchez's visit to Sitio Ilaya.

First, they asked her where Susan, the facilitator, was. They expressed alarm over the fact that Susan had not been to their village for several days.

Eager to learn

They then begged Sanchez for more teachers and classrooms. At one point, they told her they wanted to enroll their children in the elementary schools at the foot of the village but they could not afford the fees being collected.

When Sanchez said they could enroll their children even if they could not pay, the Dumagats smiled. All that they had to worry about now was where to get the money for buying uniforms and shoes, she told them.

"Your children should wear shoes so that at least, even with your condition now, you can say your children still look decent," Sanchez explained.

The smiles were wider now as they started expressing how grateful they were to her.

"How can you leave them like this when they have put all their trust on you?" Sanchez said as she walked away from the village, tiptoeing on rocks lined on a shallow brook, promising to return.

ROBERTO Musa, the program's first facilitator: "My legs are beginning to shake everytime I go up another mountain."

DUE TO ABJECT poverty, adults prefer to look for work or forage for food to feed their families.

NBI agents seize fake sportswear in raids

SOME P2.3 MILLION WORTH OF COUNterfeit sportswear were seized by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation in a series of raids conducted in Binondo, Manila the other day.

Raided were Naty's Lingerie Fashion Haus, an establishment owned by Naty and Luis Chua and two retail outlets owned by Regie Carbajosa at the Sogo Plaza on Ilaya Street, Binondo.

Also raided were two stockrooms owned by Carbajosa on the fourth floor of the Sogo Plaza.

Lawyer Jose Justo Yap, chief of the bureau's Intellectual Property Rights Division, said his agents seized some 1,581 fake "Billabong" caps from the four establishments.

He added that they conducted the raids after receiving a complaint about the proliferation of fake "Billabong" products in the area.

The NBI agents placed the establishments under surveillance and conducted test buys to confirm whether these were the sources of the fake products.

Armed with search warrants issued by Manila Regional Trial Court Executive Judge Antonio Eugenio Jr., the NBI raided the four outlets on Friday.

Yap said charges of unfair competition were filed against the owners of the establishments. *Tina G. Santos*

Building for teachers finished

By Tina G. Santos

ENVIRONMENTALISTS CAN PROTEST ALL they want but Manila city and school officials will go ahead with the inauguration of the recently finished building for teachers inside the People's Botanical Park (PBP).

A statement issued by the city government announced that the building would be inaugurated next week, an event that would be one of the highlights in the city's weeklong celebration of its founding anniversary.

Environmentalist groups, including Winner Foundation, have been opposed to the construction of the headquarters of the city schools division in the PBP which used to be known as the Arroceros Forest Park.

The groups had said that construction in the park would harm the trees and the wildlife.

Winner even filed a suit against the city government, a case which is still pending before the Manila regional trial court.

The inauguration of the educational facility will be held on Tuesday.

METROBRIEFS

20 percent fare discount for disabled

THE MAKATI City government will be giving away transport cards to over 2,300 differently-abled people tomorrow as it launches the Persons With Disability (PWD) Transport ID Card Plus. The card entitles holders to a 20-percent fare discount when they ride on the Metro Rail and Light Rail Transit systems and in provincial buses and jeepneys in the city. "Initially, the ID system will offer discounts covered by the national law. We are studying other means that will enhance the services extended to disabled persons in Makati," Marjorie de Veyra, head of the city's Social Welfare Development, said in a statement yesterday. Mayor Jejomar Binay, who will lead the distribution tomorrow, said the project was aimed at extending assistance and promoting the welfare of the city's PWDs.

Jocelyn R. Uy

Killed in a shootout

A SUSPECTED member of the "Harurot Gang," a robbery group preying on Indian nationals, was killed in a shootout with policemen on Thursday in Quezon City. Rolando Candia alias "Totoy Candia," 26, was shot dead by members of the Quezon City criminal investigation division who were out to arrest him. The officers said they spotted the suspect a few meters away from his house, drinking with friends on Maya St., Barangay Commonwealth. When they tried to serve the arrest warrant on Candia, he allegedly opened fire at the policemen with a home-made gun. They returned fire, hitting the suspect in the forehead and body and killing him on the spot. Candia was being sought by the police for his alleged connection with the Harurot Gang which had staged a series of robberies involving Indian nationals in the city's second district.

DJ Yap

Man dead in mishap

A 55-YEAR-OLD man was killed after he was accidentally ran over by a small truck in Pasig City last Friday. Officials in Barangay Ugong identified the victim as Ricardo Echivarria of Lower Bicutan, Taguig City. He was driving his yellow Honda XRM motorcycle on P. Antonio Street corner C5-C.P. Garcia Avenue at about 1:20 p.m. Friday when a Mitsubishi Canter driven by Rommel Lanza, 22, sideswiped the motorcycle. When Echivarria lost his balance, he fell on the pavement and was ran over by the speeding pick-up truck, police said.

Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

No touching, please

FOR TOUCHING the buttocks of a "guest relations officer" at a videoke bar, a construction worker was stabbed dead while his two companions were injured late last Thursday in Quezon City. Dominador Autor, 28, was killed while his drinking buddies Joselito, 21, and Sandy Cepeda, 24, were hurt after 10-men attacked them inside the Double A Beerhouse on Commonwealth Avenue, Barangay Holy Spirit. The victims were drinking beer and singing videoke songs at about 10:30 p.m., when bar patrons noticed Autor holding a knife under the table, police said. When an unidentified GRO came to the table to serve their drinks, Autor suddenly touched her buttocks, prompting the woman to leave in a huff, said investigator PO2 Rogelio Basbas Jr. Five minutes later, a group of about 10 men approached the three and attacked them using knives, a steel pipe and a gun of unknown type and make, police said. Autor, who sustained a stab wound in the chest, died before reaching the hospital. The Cepedas escaped serious injury, except for wounds in the head which required stitches. The GRO may have told the men about Autor's rudeness toward her which prompted the attack, the Cepedas told the police.

DJ Yap

Makati government shuts down hotel

THE CITY government has ordered the closure of the Astoria Hotel, a 26-story building at the corner of Makati Avenue and Eduque Street, for noncompliance with safety and sanitary regulations. The hotel, according to City Hall, is operated by TF Ventures Inc., a company headed by Manuel Morato, former chair of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office. According to the City Administrator's Office, "the hotel management has ignored notices served by the city government which cited [its] multiple violations" of regulations on fire safety, electrical, mechanical and sanitary standards. A fire had hit the building on April 22, breaking out on the 19th floor where the hotel's storage room was. It had destroyed around P1 million worth of property. When arson probers inspected the building, they found out that the automatic fire sprinkler systems from the ground to the 17th floor were not operational and the remaining floor levels were not properly equipped with a fire protection system. The hotel's firefighting facilities were also found to be inadequate.

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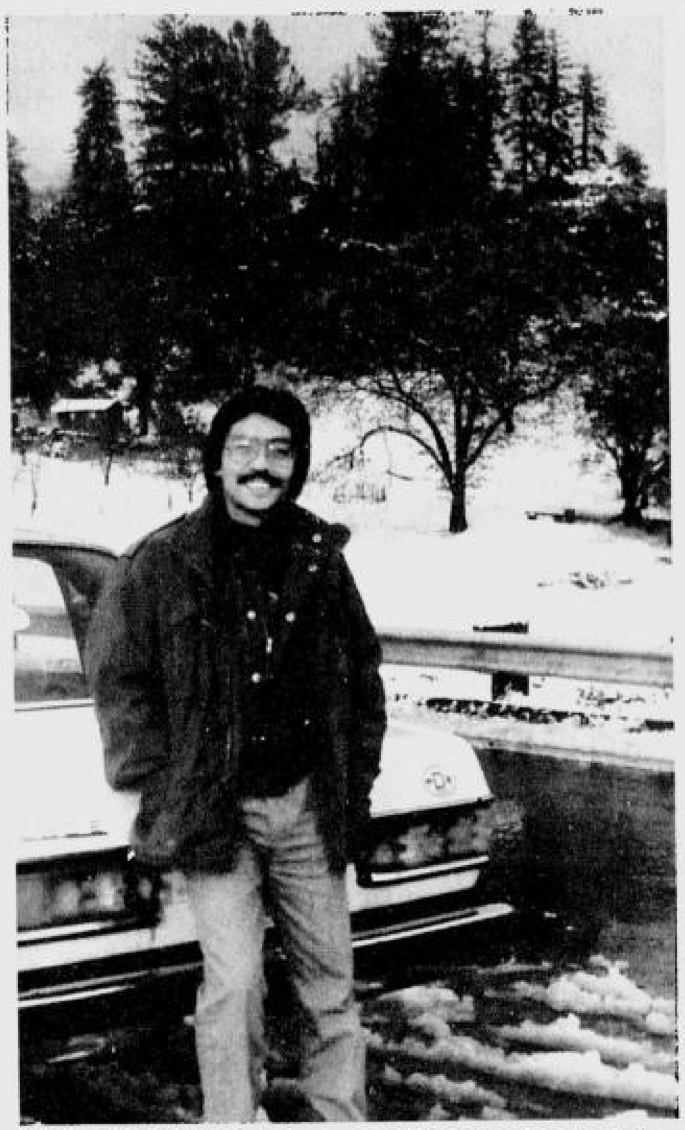
This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world, and wherever work can be contracted to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

Fathering on both sides of the Pacific

'My ultimate goal in life is to see my children together. I want to hug them tight and say sorry for the missing years'


FERNANDO PIRA in San Francisco in 1984: He was a poor, family man when he left the Philippines in 1977. He is now a wealthy businessman in California, dying to seek forgiveness from his first family he left in Manila. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

By Jeric G. Contreras
Contributor

FERNANDO "NANDING" PIRA LEFT the Philippines in 1977. A native of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur, now 59, he manages his own auto repair shop in San Francisco, California.

He started working in the United States primarily to secure a better life for his family. His first job abroad was to oversee the daily operation of the Arco Gas Station in San Francisco, California. In 1980, he worked as a waiter at Hyatt Regency Hotel-California. After a few years, he found another job as the supervisor of the janitors of the San Francisco State University.

For a while, he stopped working and took time out to study an automotive course in the City College of San Francisco.

He used to spend his vacation in the Philippines every year with his family—a daughter and a son, Jennifer (27) and Mike (26).

Jennifer finished college at the Philippine School of Interior Design (PSID), while Mike dropped out of college. He sent them clothes, toys, and other stuff.

Until 1984.

Another family

According to him, he encountered a "big problem" abroad. "I had no choice but to stop taking my vacation in the Philippines. I also had to stop sending them money for a while," he shared.

The problem was that Nanding had another family abroad. "I have a 7-year-old kid now, he is studying here. Someday, in God's time, I hope my two children in the Philippines would meet their younger sibling here," he said.

According to him, life has many trials and difficulties. Name it, he encountered it. But what he wants now is to rectify the mistakes of the past.

PIRA with wife Eva and children Mike and Jen during happier times at the Manila International Airport in 1981. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"*Siguro, sinadya ng Diyos na mangyari ang lahat ng ito. Nagkaroon ako ng pamilya rito, pansamantala akong hindi nagparamdam sa naiwan kong pamilya sa Pilipinas, sana ay maunawaan nila at mapatawad ako* (Perhaps, God had a plan for me. I had a family here. I lost touch with my family in the Philippines. How I wish they could understand and forgive me). At this point, my goal is to see them. Perhaps, I will return to the Philippines next year," he said.

Acceptance

When Jennifer was asked about his father's new family in California, she gently answered, "I have already accepted what really happened, and even my mom has no plan[s] of suing anyone so long as my father continually supports us. At present, he is supporting my studies. I am glad now even it really took him a long time to get in touch again. The fact is, he will always be my father, and I love him."

When Jennifer was asked by the INQUIRER about how she felt during the sudden "absence and or disappearance" of her father, she said, "The family now understands what happened to him abroad. At first, it was really hard to believe that he suddenly disappeared. The family really had a hard time coping. For a number of years, without any reason, he was missing. It was 1984 when I last saw him. It was also his last return in the country. We lost our communication."

Word from the kids

Although she already finished college, she is taking up a second course, BS Nursing, at the Perpetual Help College of Manila. "There are two reasons why I am taking up Nursing, one, I want to earn more for my family someday; second, *gusto kong makarating at magtrabaho sa California para makita at makasama siya* (I want to reach and work in California to see and live with my father)," she said.

Nanding now owns a house and several properties in San Francisco. His relatives and siblings also live, manage and own their businesses there, although one of his siblings opted to stay in the Philippines. Now, Nanding Pira said he is saving money for the education of his children both in the Philippines and abroad.

Message to kids

"I want my children to finish their studies and fulfill their dreams; that is my reason why I am investing so much for their education," Nanding told the INQUIRER by telephone.

When Nanding was asked about his message to his children in the Philippines, he said, "I miss you all; to Mike, I hope to see your daughter soon, if you could still find a way to finish your studies, please do. To Jen, I know you are such a loving daughter, study hard. To Eva, please take care of my kids. I hope to see you soon."

Be careful, and other long distance family planning do's

By Faye Ilogon
Contributor

SO YOU ARE A *BALIKBAYAN* OFW WHO HAS not seen your wife for a number of years? You miss her so much, but you already have a number of children. And by the way, did you have sex with somebody else while abroad? Relax.

Think of family planning and the many methods you can ensure that you won't transmit to your wife any sexually transmitted disease you might have contracted abroad. Think of family planning and the many ways you and your wife can enjoy his short vacation together without guilt of rearing more children than you can.

Though family planning isn't considered one of the major issues confronting OFWs, it should definitely be on their list of concerns. For those OFWs who still have the opportunity to practice it, family planning has brought numerous benefits such as economic stability, lesser emotional stress, and the freedom to pursue other interests.

But, of course, FP for OFWs entails a lot of careful planning.

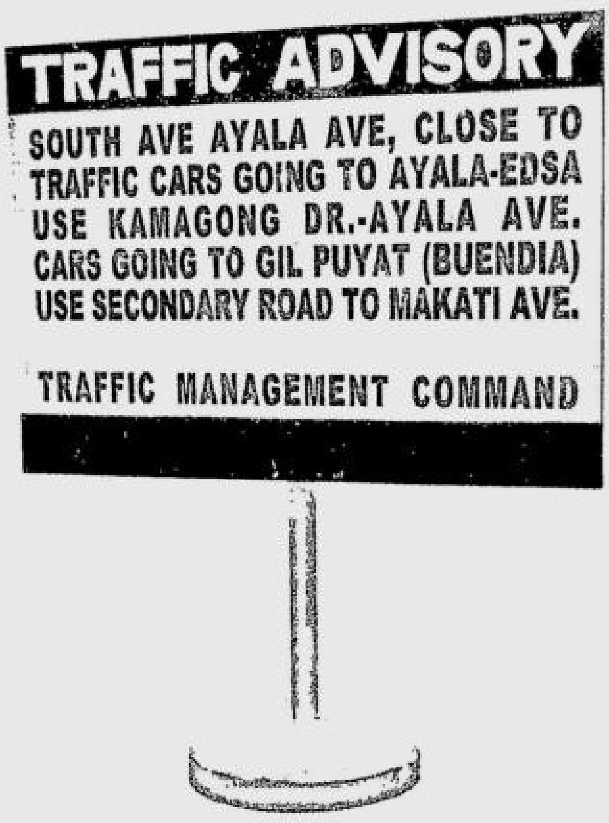
Timing is crucial

For men who travel and work abroad, the main concern is most probably timing. Most men pay no heed to their wives' safe or unsafe period. Caught in the euphoria of homecoming, they forget to take precautions. Their wives, in turn, still give in to the men's amorous demands even if they know they risk an unplanned pregnancy precisely because they also want to celebrate. It's either that or the wives figure they can't refuse their husbands who have endured celibacy for a long spell. The men often couldn't care less—only complaining later on when the burden of raising too many children take their toll on the family's resources.

There are men like Joel, 50, who worked as an engineer in Saudi Arabia for 25 years. Joel and his wife Ellen had the foresight to use a reliable FP method even if he was away for most of the year. "Some OFWs take it for granted or simply forget about just how important family planning is when they are away from their families. Unplanned pregnancies usually happen when OFWs come home. And, in their happiness over their homecoming, family planning is forgotten," he said.

Right from the start, Joel knew that he and Ellen could not take chances. He said: "We wanted to space the births of our children because, for one, my wife would be left alone to raise them while I was away. Second, we had some financial obligations to take care of first before we could even plan to have more children."

Joel and Ellen decided that she should go on the pill. Ellen timed it so that she would be off the pill for several months and be on the regimen again about two months before Joel's expected date of arrival.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1ST PINOY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Canadians call him 'His Worship'

He was a judge in the Philippines. In Canada, he had to work as a laborer, parking attendant and other odd jobs

By Sylvia Europa-Pinca
Contributor

A MAN'S CHOICES IN LIFE CAN EITHER BE career or family.

For Delano Europa who migrated to Canada in the late 80s and found that he did not like the jobs available then, there was family to think of—career would take a back seat.

Canada may be the land of milk and honey to a lot of Filipinos but it was not so for him. He was willing to forsake this adopted country for a good career in the Philippines but his family wanted to stay and he had to choose family over career. It was a difficult life he lived in Toronto for six years as he had to scrimp on everything just to be able to make ends meet.

Today, my brother Delano can easily buy plane tickets to come home to the Philippines with his wife every year and fly to parts of the world to see new places every now and then. He can now find the time to dine out often and shop without having to scrimp. As an overseas worker, he can well afford to do that now but it was not that way when he started a new life in a foreign land.

Now a full-fledged lawyer in Ontario, Canada, he was appointed Justice of the Peace in Ontario about 14 years ago. It was in 1992 when he applied for the position of Justice of the Peace. He bested a lot of candidates and in fact was the first Filipino to be awarded the job in Ontario. Canadians who commit all kinds of misdemeanors and petty crimes get a police order to appear in court and Delano is one of the few justices who handle these cases. There would be a long queue daily and more often than not, he has to squeeze himself through the crowd to get to his "sala"—the term for a justice's office.

He remembers vividly a day in his life as Justice of Peace. He was on his way to his sala when getting past through a line, a black man at the back of a long queue screams "you get here behind me, man, I've been lining up for hours and you want to get ahead of everyone. There is no way you can do that." My brother turned to him with a smile and said, "Sorry, but I am the Justice of the Peace who will hear your case. I have to get to my table."

THE JUSTICE AND HIS COURT: Europa and wife Leticia with son-in-law Jeff Doi, daughter Rochelle and nephew Jeff Estrada at their house in Toronto. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Getting noticed

This Filipino Justice of the Peace does not only enjoy the financial perks of the job. He is also proud of the fact that his work is acknowledged and recognized by Canadians who see in him the virtues of that blindfolded icon of justice as he makes fair, just and intelligent decisions. In fact, a well respected Canadian columnist Mark Bronoski of the Toronto Sun News recently wrote about him in his column. Bronoski had to appear in court particularly in Delano's sala as he was a victim of Canadian traffic officers who in Bronoski's words "prowl the streets in a hunt for easy cash" (ha, ha, ha it's good to know they also exist outside of the Philippines).

"The courtroom to which my case was assigned last week was reigned over by Justice of the Peace Delano Europa. He had the patience of Solomon, dispensed justice when justice was undeniable and wisely gave breaks to those who were victims of the system … The JP dismissed the case, essentially because he found the parking enforcement officer's testimony ambiguous, despite the fact he testified to having 14 years on the job."

Patience of Solomon

Yes, even a high profile Canadian columnist now addresses him as "His Worship." To be addressed as "His Worship" in a country where being colored (it's either you are black, brown or yellow) is a handicap is indeed a great achievement.

LIFE IS GOOD: Europa finds pleasure babysitting his first grandchild Cameron born a month ago. "Now I can relate to friends who gush over their grandchildren," he says. "Being a grandfather is an entirely new dimension in the vast human experience." CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Before he left the Philippines, Delano, who his family and friends call "Del" had already the title "judge" before his name. He was a proud man who took his law course from San Beda College and who, when he took the bar, almost made it to the top 10. He missed it by a slim percentage margin. An aggressive young lawyer, he eventually got appointed municipal judge of Solano, Nueva Vizcaya. But his wife died and the next woman in his life was a classmate who was working as a nurse in Canada.

He knew what he was in for when he migrated to Canada but it was a choice of career and family life. His wife was working as a nurse in Toronto and his daughter wanted to experience living in another country. Like most migrating men, he chose the wishes of his family.

From lawyer to laborer

From being a judge in the Philippines, he plunged to laborer status in Canada. This man could have just sat it out there while his nurse-wife earned good money but he was not used to doleouts and hence, chose to slave it out there. He first worked in an asbestos plant pushing drums and he would inhale and feel negative elements wrinkling his face.

A man of letters, he described his slavery in the land of milk and honey this way—"One day, I looked at the mirror and it was a different man I saw—it was someone who had lost his intellectual dignity." The white foreman even added insult to his injured pride. "Look at that guy," the white man said pointing to an illiterate man, "he never went to school but he does a better job than you."

At that point, Del dropped what he was doing and replied, "That is why I went to school so I would not work this way. It is just unfortunate that this country would not give a new immigrant a better job." He walked out and never went to work there again.

He went on to other odd jobs after that and he did this for six years. He could have rushed back to the Philippines and got reappointed as a member of the judiciary, but he had to sacrifice his career for his wife and kid.

In the meantime, he found himself studying anything at all. As a parking attendant, he brought language tapes at work and studied French, Chinese, Japanese and German languages. He took law courses at night and squeezed in legal training as a law intern in Ontario.

Prima don

I remember my brother Del in the family home. Being the eldest boy, he was the prima don. He would send for his slippers and ask his siblings to serve him coffee. A born leader, even his friends were his underlings. He was always intellectually active. He loved to read books and write short stories and literary essays. For a man used to intellectual pursuits, to be a laborer in a foreign land was the pits. But he took all the lashings and finally triumphed.

A colleague of my brother—Justice of the Peace Ricardo Manaquil—recounts in the following paragraphs my brother's ordeal to become who he is today in Canada.

"In the early years, Del Europa asked the Toronto Senior Regional Justice of the Peace to reschedule his JP duties so he could attend the bar admission course. He was determined to become a lawyer in Ontario. His work started at 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Old City Hall; then review classes at 1 to 4 p.m.; then back to first appearance night courts from 6 to 10 p.m.

"Del was able to test the limits of human endurance. He landed in the hospital. He missed a month's class and three exams. But he bounced back. His strategy of 'no pains, no gains' paid off. Del was finally called to the Ontario Bar.

Del and his wife Letty are now happily settled in Toronto. His daughter Rochelle is now married to a Filipino-Japanese guy named Jeff Doi who Del describes as an "amiable" and dutiful son-in-law. He is now a month-old *lolo* with the birth of Cameron, Rochelle and Jeff's first born.

At 59, Del has certainly found his place in the sun.

Life is complicated enough.
Your bank shouldn't be.

US warns N. Korea not to stage a 'provocative' missile launch

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED States on Friday warned North Korea against conducting a "provocative" intercontinental missile test after US officials said there were signs a launch could take place as early as this weekend.

A test would be Pyongyang's first launch of a long-range missile since it stunned the world in August 1998 by firing a Taepodong 1 over Japan that landed in the Pacific Ocean.

"Such a launch would be a provocative act and we would instead urge them to focus their energies and their activities on returning to the six-party talks," State Department spokesperson Sean McCormack told reporters. He was referring to talks on curbing Pyongyang's nuclear program involving the United States, China, Russia, North and South Korea and Japan.

The launch—expected to involve a Taepodong 2 missile with an estimated range of 3,500 km to 4,300 km—could come as early as this weekend, US officials said.

They said it seemed increasingly likely Pyongyang would go through with the launch—rather than just making preparations to get US and international attention—but that it could still decide to cancel.

US officials said they would not try to shoot down a test missile although McCormack told a news briefing "we will take necessary preparatory steps to track any potential activities and to protect ourselves."

American and Japanese "assets"—including satellites and a US guided missile ship—have been moved into position to serve as long-range surveillance and tracking platforms.

Washington and its allies were caught off guard when Pyongyang last tested eight years ago and they are determined this time to be ready to gather critical intelligence on the North's capabilities.

McCormack said Washington has consulted key countries in a campaign to make clear to North Korea that "a missile launch would be a provocative act that is not in their interests and will further isolate them from the world." *Reuters*

Nepal to set up interim gov't with rebels

KATHMANDU—NEPAL'S MAOIST rebel leader held ground-breaking talks on Friday with the government, which agreed to dissolve parliament and set up an interim administration to include the rebels.

Rebel chief Prachanda said after nearly 10 hours of talks with Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala and political party leaders that an interim constitution will be prepared within three weeks and later a new interim government will be formed.

"I am proud ... because the decision we have taken is a historic one," he told reporters.

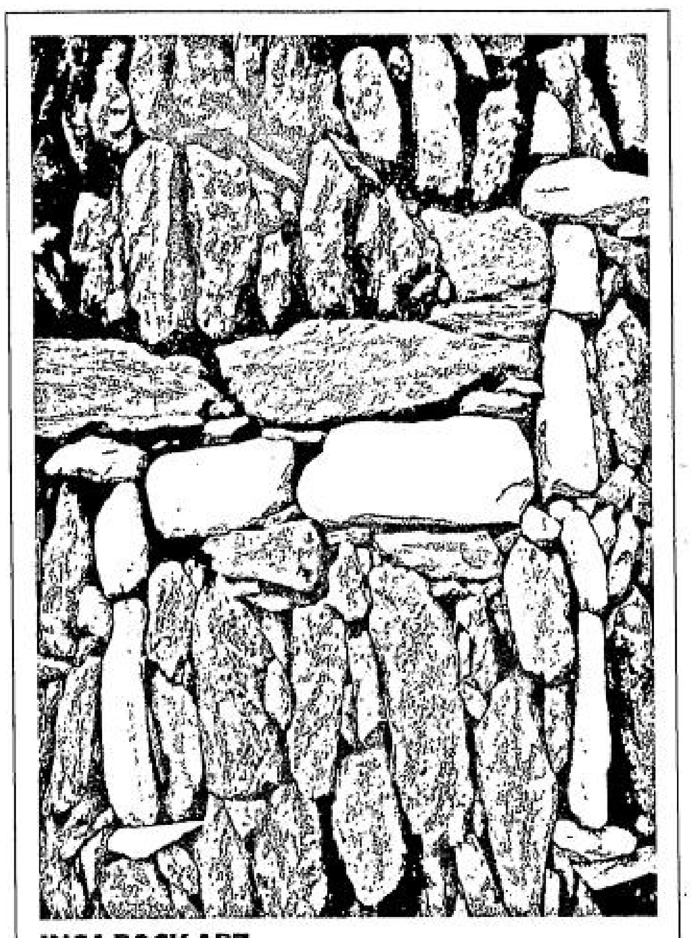
Maoists also promised to dissolve their parallel governments around the countryside.

Prachanda was speaking at a news conference flanked by leaders of some of Nepal's main political parties. Both sides said they hoped the interim government would be established within a month.

"This consensus can play a very significant role in solving the country's problems," said Home Minister and chief government negotiator Krishna Prasad Situala.

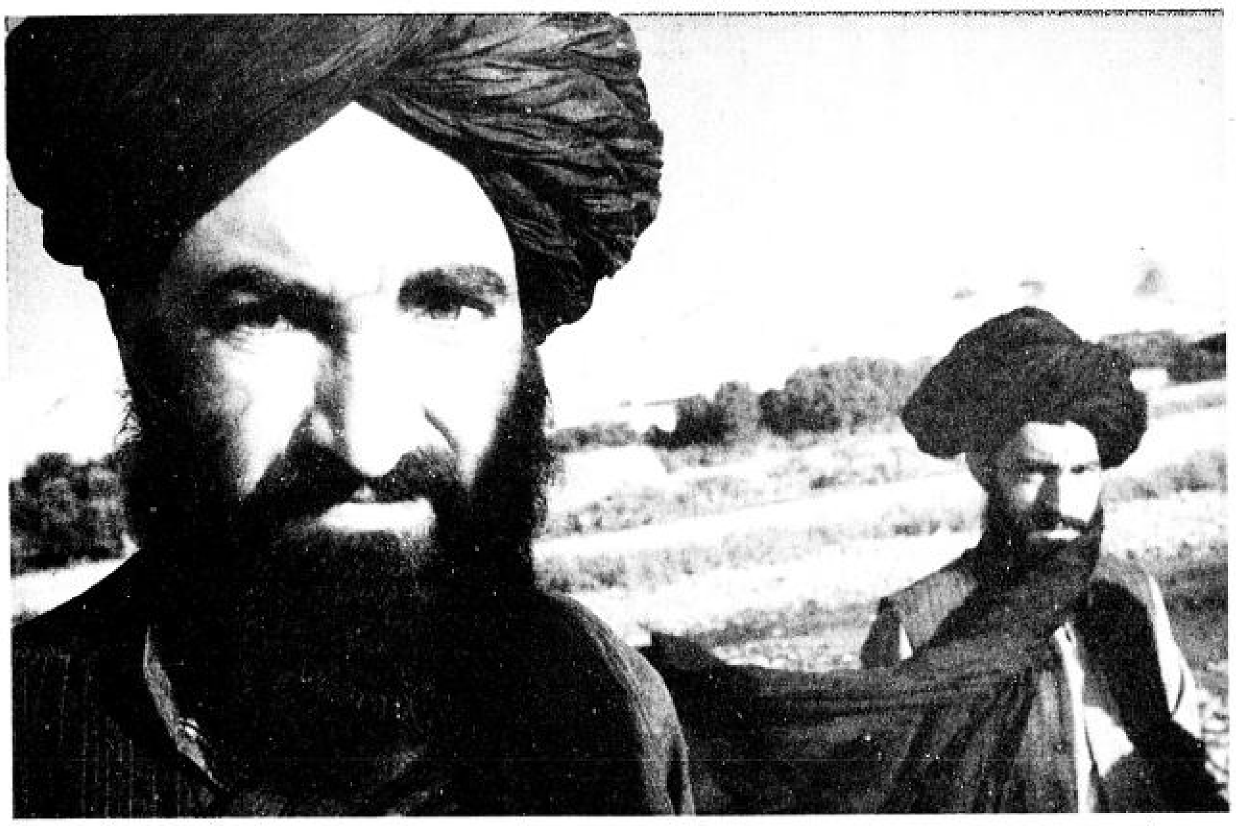
The interim government will oversee landmark elections for a special assembly meant to draft a new constitution and review the role of the monarchy. Prachanda said those elections were likely to be held in March or April of next year.

The reclusive rebel leader, who flew to the capital in a private helicopter from western Nepal, was making his first public appearance in Kathmandu since the revolt began. *Reuters*



INCA ROCK ART

Picture taken on June 15, in the Inca archaeological site of Choquequirao, in Peru's southern Andes, shows the figure of a llama made out of stones in a stone wall of darker colors. AFP



AFGHANS wait to be checked by US soldiers at a check point some kilometers outside the new US military base near the village of Musa Qala, Helmand Province, south Afghanistan, June 16. More US soldiers are moving into the region in support of military operation Mountain Thrust. AP

45 rebs killed in Afghan push

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN—A POLICEman and seven Taliban were killed in fresh fighting in Afghanistan early Saturday as security forces pushed on with the largest operation since the Taliban regime fell in 2001.

The latest battle, which erupted in southern Kandahar province at midnight and continued until morning, came hours after the coalition announced the killing of 45 Taliban rebels and two coalition soldiers on Friday.

Nearly 100 insurgents have been killed in major strikes since the coalition unveiled details on Wednesday of its Operation Mountain Thrust, launched in mid-May with the support of about 10,000 people, including support staff.

Taliban rebels stormed a district government office in Kandahar, a hotbed of Taliban insurgents, at around midnight, interior ministry spokesperson Yousuf Stanizai said.

After the battle, "The Taliban fled, leaving the seven bodies at the site," Stanizai told AFP. "One police was also martyred and one was wounded in the several hours' fighting."

Hours earlier the coalition announced that about 45 Taliban insurgents were killed in two separate battles in Uruzgan province. Friday's strikes were part of Operation Mountain Thrust.

The larger attack was in the west of Uruzgan where "coalition forces engaged the enemy in a compound, killing an estimated 40 insurgents while they were meeting at a known enemy camp," a statement said.

Coalition forces waited until more than 50 people were present before attacking, said spokesperson Lt. Col. Paul Fitzpatrick, adding: "The compound was severely damaged, and we anticipate most of those present were killed."

The Taliban at the meeting included members of a cell tasked with making bombs, financiers and area leaders responsible for numerous attacks, the coalition statement said.

The second attack took place northeast of the provincial capital Tirin Kot, according to a separate statement.

Afghan and coalition forces raided a known Taliban compound, killing five insurgents. One US soldier was wounded.

As the coalition claimed new successes, it lost two troops in eastern Kunar province when a patrol vehicle struck a bomb planted in the road, another statement said, without specifying the soldiers' nationalities.

Around 37 coalition soldiers have been killed in action in Afghanistan this year, more than half of them Americans who form the bulk of the US-led force that is hunting down Taliban and other militants in the south and east of the country. *AFP*

UN votes to send Taylor to The Hague

UNITED NATIONS—THE UN Security Council on Friday unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the transfer of former Liberian leader Charles Taylor to the Netherlands to stand trial for war crimes in Sierra Leone.

Taylor, seen as the mastermind behind intertwined civil wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone, is being held in a prison cell guarded by Mongolian UN peacekeepers in Freetown, the Sierra Leone capital.

He faces 11 charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity for backing Sierra Leone's Revolutionary United Front rebels, who sent drugged child soldiers into battle and killed, mutilated and raped civilians during the conflict.

The new International Criminal Court, based in The Hague, has agreed to lend a UN-backed special tribunal in Sierra Leone a cell and a courtroom during the trial.

The resolution adopted by the 15-nation UN Security Council asked Secretary General Kofi Annan to help with the legal and practical arrangements required to send Taylor to the Netherlands.

Liberia and Sierra Leone authorities do not want to host the trial, fearing Taylor's presence could spark unrest among his supporters and possibly restart a civil war in either West African country.

"The continued presence of Taylor in the subregion is an impediment to stability and a threat to the peace of Liberia and of Sierra Leone and to international peace and security in the region," the resolution said.

Denmark's UN ambassador, Ellen Margrethe Loj, this month's council president, told reporters that holding the trial in Sierra Leone would be a risk for the region. *Reuters*

Saudis bribed to buy arms, says former British defense secretary

LONDON—A FORMER BRITISH defence secretary claimed Friday that Britain paid bribes to encourage Saudi Arabia to buy his country's arms in the 1970s.

"You either got the business and bribed or you didn't bribe and didn't get the business," Lord Ian Gilmour told BBC television.

The ex-minister's comments come as Britain reportedly nears finalizing the sale of 40 billion pounds (74 billion dollars, 58.5 billion euros) worth of arms to Saudi Arabia, almost doubling the 50 billion pounds worth of trade already completed in recent years.

"In those days you either went along with how the Saudis behaved or what they wanted or you let the United States and France have all the business," said Gilmour, who was Britain's defense secretary from January to March 1974 in the Conservative government of then-prime minister Edward Heath.

"I think it would have been quite excessively puritanical for us to say, 'oh no, we won't have anything to do with bribes or douceurs (sweeteners), we'll let the other countries get the money'.

"It's not something you emblazon about or are particularly proud of. It just happens to be the terms of trade." Quizzed on the legality of "douceurs", Gilmour said: "If you're paying bribes to high-up people in the government (of Saudi Arabia), the fact that it's illegal in Saudi law doesn't mean very much." The BBC's "Newsnight" programme revealed a number of hitherto secret government memos in which diplomats and arms sales officials discussed how best to channel the commissions to "fixers" in Saudi Arabia.

The 1970s documents refer to "the fiddle factor". One confidential memo dated 1972, from Harold Hubert, the head of defence sales, refers to using a company "to provide quasi-government oversight as well as "passing on the douceurs." *AFP*

China's first oil reserve facility

BEIJING—CHINA WILL COMplete construction of its first strategic oil reserve facility in August, state press reported Saturday.

The plant, which will have the capacity to hold 5.2 million cubic meters (32.7 million barrels) of crude oil is located in the coastal city of Zhenhai in China's eastern province of Zhejiang, the China Daily reported.

Huge tanks are also being constructed at three other sites.

There will be a second plant built in Zhejiang and one each in the eastern provinces of Liaoning and Shandong, Xu Dingming, an energy official at the National Developmental and Reform Commission told the paper.

"A lot of people ask what China should do (with the tanks) as global crude prices are soaring," the paper quoted Xu as saying.

"We have our own solutions but I won't disclose them." Chinese officials said earlier this year that they would begin filling the Zhenhai facility by the end of the year, but soaring prices may cause a delay. China hopes its reserves will be able to hold up to half a year's supply of oil within 10 years. *AFP*

RICHARD Castaldo, one of the survivors of the 1999 Columbine shootings where 13 victims were killed in one of the worst school shootings in US history. AFP

Columbine builds shooting memorial

LITTLETON, COLO.—CONSTRUCtion of a long-delayed and reduced memorial to the victims of the Columbine High School shootings began on Friday in a quiet spot between two hills in a park where students took refuge as chaos descended on April 20, 1999.

Alex Dudik, who was a senior that year, returned for the groundbreaking near Littleton and a speech by former President Bill Clinton to commemorate the incident.

Dudik, now 25, said he had his own memorial. He rolled up a sleeve to show a tattoo that he said he shares with more than a few members of his graduating class, a "C" in light purple, the Columbine color, with "April 20th" inside.

"It's going to be a part of me forever," Dudik said of the attack.

The plans for a memorial—an inner wall for the 13 murder victims, and an outer circle for the 23 people wounded by the two teenage gunmen who took their own lives—evolved greatly over the years of planning and postponement.

Last year, the memorial committee cut $1 million from the $2.5 million budget and sent the designers back to the drawing board.

"The key thing that emerged was that it needed to be focused on Littleton, on us," said Bob Easton, chairman of the Columbine Memorial Committee, which included parents, teachers and residents.

Easton said he believed that the changes, however much they were forced on the committee and the town, just south of Denver, were positive. The memorial became simpler, and the community, in rallying to pay for it through fundraisers and the sales of Columbine High memorial pins by local businesses, came together. The memorial fund is still several hundred thousand dollars short of its goal, committee officials said.

Clinton, who came here after the shootings as president to speak to the students, was back to lead the groundbreaking.

Coming to the microphone as a powerful thunderstorm struck, he spoke for a few minutes, during which he donated $50,000 to the memorial fund.

"Millions of Americans were changed by Columbine," Clinton said as a volunteer held an umbrella over his head as the rain fell and lightning flashed. "It was one of the darkest days for Hillary and me in the White House." *NYT*

Iraqi detainees held in box-like cells for days

WASHINGTON—IRAQI DETAINEES were held with their eyes taped shut in tiny box-like cells for up to seven days at a time while loud music blared at a special operations holding facility, a US military investigation found.

The investigation conducted by Brig. Gen. Richard Formica following the Abu Ghraib prison scandal in 2004 also found that detainees were fed only bread and water for up to 17 days at another special operations location.

Formica's report, released in heavily redacted form Friday in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union, dismissed other allegations that prisoners were physically abused or humiliated at the so-called tactical holding facilities.

He also accepted the argument of US special operators that the small cells, which he said measured 20 inches (50 centimeters) wide by four feet (1.2 meters) high and four feet deep, were "necessary for force protection and to prevent detainees from escape."

"It is reasonable to conclude that this would be acceptable for short periods of time, 24-48 hours, coincident to capture and until it was reasonably practical to transfer them to a suitable facility—two days would be reasonable; five to seven days would not," Formica wrote.

The general recommended no disciplinary action against any US special operations personnel. Instead, he recommended corrective measures in command supervision, training and policy.

He said conditions at one unidentified location "did not comport with the spirit of the principles set forth in the Geneva Conventions."

"However, these circumstances were created by inadequate policy guidance, not personal failures within CJSOTF-AP (Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula)," he wrote.

Formica also investigated allegations by two Iraqis who said they were chained to the floor, fed only bread and water and physically abused by a former Iraqi policeman and an interpreter at another special operations holding facility in April 2004.

One said he was held that way for 17 days and the other for 13 days.

Formica said military personnel "confirmed that (redacted) were secured to the floor during their detention with a 3 to 4-foot chain." AFP

SOME 200 people gather June 16 with torches in front of Prague Castle to protest against the war in Iraq in Prague. AFP

'Sandal' bomber kills 10 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD—A SUICIDE BOMBER killed 10 people in a Shi'ite mosque on Friday, a day after Iraq's national security adviser said al-Qaida's days in the country were numbered.

The bomber blew himself up as worshippers gathered at Buratha mosque in Baghdad, which is revered by Shi'ites.

Mosque guard Abdullah Hussein said the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber who had hidden explosives in his sandals to avoid security checks.

It is not the first time a suicide bomber has killed at the Buratha mosque. On April 7, three suicide bombers dressed as women attacked it, killing at least 71 people.

Friday's blast was the type of violence the new leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, who succeeded Abu Musab al-Zarqawi last week, had vowed to maintain in a war against Shi'ites and the government.

Abu Ayyub al-Masri vowed three days ago to avenge the death of Zarqawi, who was killed by a US air strike last week.

An Iraqi militant body affiliated with al-Qaida pledged on Friday to continue a holy war against US-led forces.

"Jihad (holy war) will continue until doomsday. It will not be affected, delayed or weakened by the departure of one of its leaders," said an audio statement purported to be by Abdullah bin Rashid al-Baghdadi, leader of the Mujahideen Shura Council.

Shortly after the mosque blast, mortar bombs hit houses and shops on the edge of Baghdad, killing at least three people.

The violence came just two days after the government launched a security crackdown with 50,000 Iraqi forces backed by 7,000 US troops to pile pressure on al-Qaida. *Reuters*

Accounts about Haditha horror contradict each other

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN Haditha on Nov. 19, 2005?

On that day, Marines killed 24 Iraqi civilians, including 10 women and children and an elderly man in a wheelchair. But how and why it happened and who ultimately bears responsibility are matters of profound dispute.

Interviews with Marines who were present that day or their lawyers, Iraqi residents who witnessed the attack and military investigators provide broadly conflicting accounts of the killings.

Investigators and townspeople have said that Marines overreacted to a fatal roadside bombing and shot the civilians, only one of whom was armed, in cold blood. Marines and their lawyers, just beginning to speak out, contend that they believed they were under attack, and entitled under rules of engagement to use deadly force against those whom they believed were responsible for a roadside bomb that killed a Marine.

The 24 Iraqis who were killed included five men in a taxi and 19 civilians in several houses.

However, investigators have found evidence that the men in the taxi were not fleeing the bombing scene, as the Marines told military officials. Investigators have also concluded that most of the victims in three houses died from well-aimed rifle shots, not shrapnel or random fire, according to officials.

According to two people briefed on the investigation, one member of the Marine squad at Haditha is cooperating with investigators.

The Army general investigating allegations of a cover-up has submitted his report to Lt. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, the No. 2 US commander in Iraq, the military announced Friday, but its conclusions have not yet been made public.

About a dozen enlisted Marines are under investigation for possible charges ranging from dereliction of duty to murder. A number of their superiors, up to the division level, are also under scrutiny for failing to report the events accurately and respond appropriately, and two mid-level officers have been relieved of duty for reasons not yet made public. *NYT*

Gates' aides hope to avoid IBM mistakes

REDMOND, WASH.—MICROSOFT stands astride the computing world much as another corporate giant, IBM, once did: Now its task is to avoid repeating IBM's mistakes.

As the PC era wanes and the Internet era gathers force, Microsoft's revenues have never been higher and its quarterly profits remain in the billions. But it has yet to find profitability in an array of businesses that it has entered beyond those it has dominated, operating systems and office applications.

Finding the company's way in the new era will largely fall to the successors to Bill Gates, who announced Thursday that he would leave his day-to-day role at Microsoft in two years. But Gates said on Friday he was confident that the company was positioning itself for success in its fourth decade and beyond.

Microsoft's future, he said, lies in an array of applications that will offer new capabilities. He cited an announcement planned later this month that is intended to extend the Microsoft Office business into the telecommunications world by more tightly linking the power of PCs and telephones.

On Thursday, Gates said the company's technical leadership would continue to report to him for only another year before shifting to report to Steven A. Ballmer, the chief executive. Ballmer's immediate challenge is to convince Wall Street that he is still the right man for the job, something that is certain to take hard work and several successful products.

Ray Ozzie is the veteran computer industry executive to whom Gates is handing the role of chief software architect, and Craig Mundie, a second veteran who has been the designer of the company's government and international strategy, will now formally lead research and strategy. *NYT*

BILL GATES AFP

Blair's partymates want him out next year

LONDON—ALMOST THREE-QUARTERS of Labor Party members want Prime Minister Tony Blair to stand down before September next year, a poll showed on Saturday.

The findings from the first substantial poll of Labor members for a decade revealed the disenchantment among the center-left party's members, whose numbers have dipped below 200,000, according to The Guardian newspaper, which published the poll.

Pollsters YouGov found that 71 percent of Labor members want Blair to leave office before the ruling party's 2007 annual conference at the end of September.

More than one third of those polled want him to leave in the next three months, before this year's conference.

Blair said in 2004 he would not run in the next election, expected in 2009, but he vowed to serve a full fourth term.

Since then, his sliding popularity—partly due to anger over the Iraq war and its aftermath—and damaging headlines over government corruption and incompetence have sparked growing calls from parts of his party for him to go much sooner.

Many Labor parliamentarians now expect Blair to hand over the party leadership to his likely successor, Finance Minister Gordon Brown, mid-next year after a decade in the job. Blair loyalists, however, suggest he may stay until 2008.

The survey of 1,374 Labor members was commissioned by the Labor Commission on Accountability—a group of members that says its goal is to put the party "back on a sound footing."

"The biggest single issue in Britain today is the lack of accountability of political power. The checks and balances requiring the prime minister to consult and listen have been all but eliminated," said Labor lawmaker Michael Meacher.

The survey was conducted between June 1-6 via online interviews. The commission said it was the first comprehensive survey of existing and lapsed party members for nearly a decade.

The findings were to be presented to supporters of the Compass network which hopes to map out a program for an incoming Brown administration, The Guardian said.

Fifty-five percent of those polled said a leadership contest while Labor was in power would be damaging to the party, effectively backing a coronation of Brown.

Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott won the backing of party members despite his recent admission of an extra-marital affair, with 56 percent saying he should only resign when Blair goes.

The Iraq war proved a thorn in the side for many members with 52 percent saying taking part in the conflict was the party's worst policy mistake since Blair come to power in 1997.

Fifty-three percent of those questioned said the United States and Britain were wrong to go to war against Iraq in 2003 while 37 percent backed the invasion.

Asked to name the Blair government's six worst mistakes since first being elected to power in 1997, 52 percent said the invasion of Iraq, 49 percent said subservience to the United States, 46 percent said public service privatization while 36 percent said refusing to raise income tax for middle and high earners. *Reuters, AFP*

BLAIR AFP

'Save the whales' lobby dodges harpoon, defeats Japan

FRIGATE BAY, ST KITTS AND NEVIS—The "Save the Whales" lobby stirred memories of its 1980s heyday Friday, thwarting Japan's bid to control the world body frustrating its commercial whaling ambitions.

Whaling opponents Australia, the United States, New Zealand, Brazil and Britain led resistance to Tokyo's drive for a simple majority of pro-whaling states in two votes on the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

Their triumph was an eleventh hour surprise, as many activists and ministers voiced dark predictions of a Japanese victory, hours before the IWC annual meeting opened here.

"So far we have managed to dodge the harpoon, but let's see how things go for the rest of the week," said Dr. Joth Singh of the International Fund for Animal Welfare at the IWC annual meeting in this Caribbean state.

Mike Townsley, a Greenpeace spokesperson told AFP: "It is clear Japan has failed to take over the IWC."

Tokyo has made repeated bids to lead pro-whaling nations to power in the IWC, but this year, both sides of the argument believed Japan's time had come.

A two-decades-old moratorium on commercial whaling is not under immediate threat—it needs a 75 percent majority in the IWC to be overturned.

But whaling opponents fear a simple voting majority here would enable Japan to turn the IWC from conservation back into a "whaling club."

Japan argues the moratorium on commercial whaling has been so successful that whaling of certain species can now be carried out without harming whale stocks.

Currently, Japan conducts "scientific whaling" which is permitted by the IWC, along with Iceland. Norway rejects the moratorium entirely. In all around 2,000 whales are taken globally per year.

Ian Campbell, Australia's environment minister said Friday's rearguard action by whaling opponents had pushed the threat to the moratorium "down the line."

"The great victory for whales we have had today so far, is we have raised the levels of understanding of this issue to levels which have probably not been seen since the 1970s."

The demise of Japan's plans was put down to the absence of Togo and Gambia. Sources told AFP both would have been in Japan's camp, but they did not show up in time.

Had they been there, Japan probably would have secured enough votes to take an early grip on the meeting.

As it was, a proposal to introduce secret balloting failed by 33 votes to 30. A second vote to bar the IWC from discussing measures to protect small cetaceans, such as porpoises and small whales was also narrowly defeated—by 32 votes to 30 with one abstention.

Both items were considered key to Japan's attempt to establish a solid pro-whaling majority on the commission for the first time since the moratorium came into force two decades ago.

Japanese sources said they had not given up hope of carving out a majority for pro-whaling nations on other issues at the five-day conference.

Heated debate is expected on Saturday on its proposal for "normalization" which Japan's opponents fear is whale hunting, by another name.

In a document obtained by AFP, Japan signaled it would push for a separate meeting of pro-whaling nations to discuss a possible return to commercial whaling outside IWC auspices before the annual meeting next year.

Earlier, Japan warned it could pull out of the organization if there was no progress towards its goals "within a few years."

Japan also hoped to take a grip on the IWC at last year's meeting in South Korea, but several states expected to vote with the pro-whaling bloc did not appear or pay their annual dues so could not vote.

Green campaigners accuse Japan of bribing small, developing states like Cambodia or Mongolia which have little interest in whaling, to join the commission with foreign aid.

They fear a majority for pro-whaling states would allow Japan to chip away the commercial whaling ban and throw environmental groups out of the meeting.

Tokyo denies claims it bribes small states with aid, pointing out that it also supports nations which oppose whaling, such as India and Argentina. AFP

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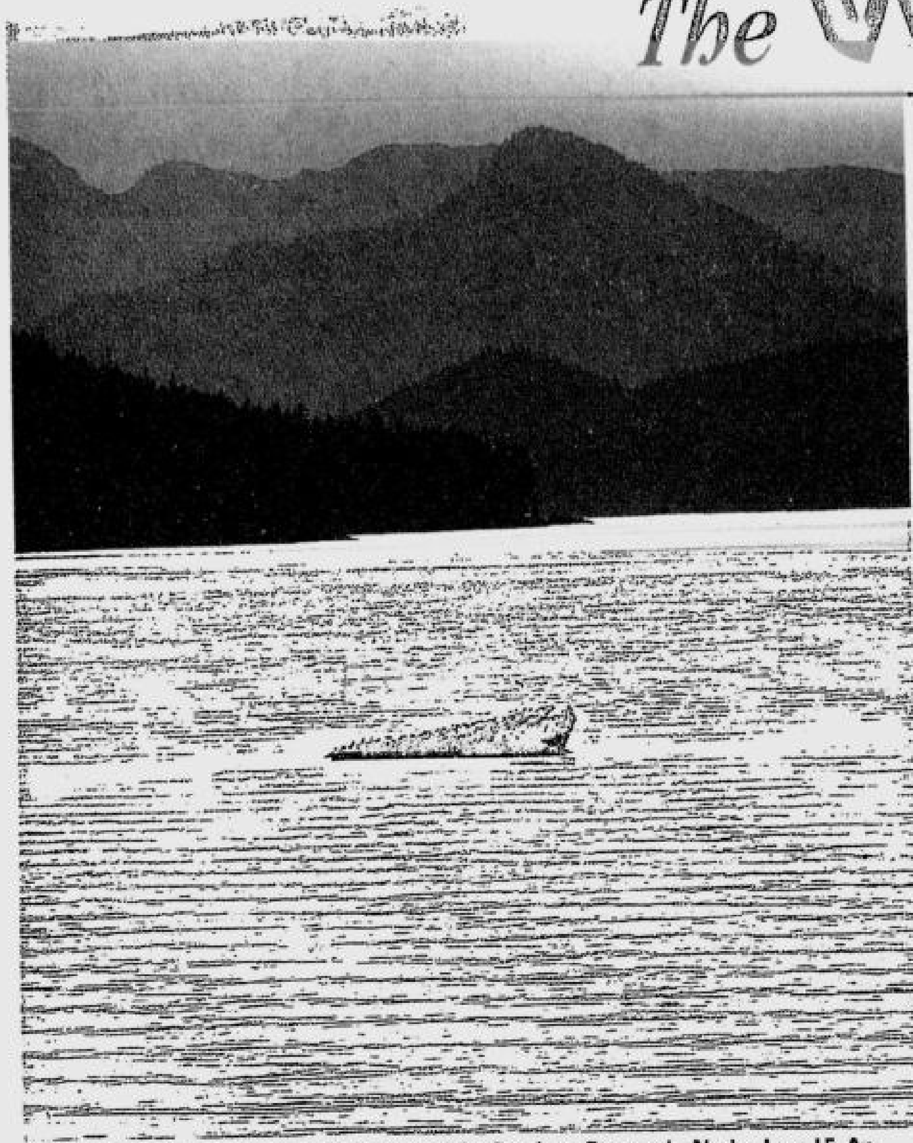

FRAGILE CALM—Postcard-perfect photo of the Stephens Passage in Alaska, June 15. An official report damns US as unprepared for a huge crisis. AP

America unprepared for major emergency

New tragedy can overwhelm US, says report

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES IS NOT PREpared to cope with a large-scale terrorist attack or a powerful hurricane, the US Department of Homeland Security said in a report published Friday.

The Nationwide Plan Review, conducted in response to directives from President George W. Bush and Congress, examined whether the emergency plans of cities and states were adequate to manage another tragedy.

"The majority of the nation's current emergency operations plans and planning processes cannot be characterized as fully sufficient to manage catastrophic events," the report said.

"Significant weaknesses in evacuation planning are an area of profound concern," it said, adding that the capabilities to receive and care of large numbers of evacuees were found to be "inadequate."

The Department of Homeland Security said in a statement: "Most areas of the country are well-prepared to handle standard situations."

But the review findings "demonstrate the need for all levels of government across the country to improve emergency operations plans for catastrophic events such as a major terrorist attack or (top) category-five hurricane strike," it said.

"Several areas, including evacuation, attention to populations with special needs, command structure and resource management, were areas needing significant attention," it said.

The report also lists measures the federal government needs to take to improve and coordinate disaster planning.

The findings "unequivocally support the need to modernize planning processes, products and tools, and to move our national emergency planning efforts to the next level needed for catastrophic events," said George Foresman, the department's undersecretary for preparedness.

"It is a natural evolution towards working together as a nation to implement the lessons from seminal events such as the Sept. 11 attacks and Hurricane Katrina," he said in a statement.

Authorities at all levels of government were blasted over their response to Hurricane Katrina, which killed 1,300 people and displaced tens of thousands along the US Gulf coast in August last year.

The city of New Orleans is still struggling to recover and engineers have warned its levees may not withstand another Katrina-style battering.

Some groups warn Louisiana is especially vulnerable to hurricanes this season, because erosion continues to eat away a chunk of Louisiana's coastal wetlands the size of a football field every 30 minutes.

Scientists and environmental activists say that the wetlands are nature's barriers against hurricanes. *AFP*

Italian prince Victor Emmanuel arrested

ROME—PRINCE VICTOR EMMANUEL, SON OF Italy's last king, was arrested on Friday on suspicion of links to criminals involved in corruption and prostitution, the Ansa news agency said.

The 69-year-old prince, son of King Umberto II, was arrested on the order of a magistrate in Potenza, southern Italy, on suspicion of "conspiracy to commit corruption, forgery" and involvement in organizing prostitution, the agency said.

He is being held in connection with inquiries into a traffic in slot machines and the "recruitment" of prostitutes for a casino in Campione d'Italia, an Italian enclave in the south of Switzerland, Ansa said.

"I am stunned," Emmanuel Filiberto, Victor Emmanuel's son, told Italian television, talking of "yet another publicity stunt."

"I hope (the prosecutor) is sure of his charges, or it will be the last time he does anything," said Filiberto, who is married to French actress Clotilde Courau.

"They took him, they removed his mobile phone and are in the process of taking him to Potenza. They treated him like a bandit. You don't treat a man of 70 with health problems like that."

Victor Emmanuel of Savoy made an official return to Italy in March 2003, after 56 years of exile imposed on the family of his grandfather King Victor Emmanuel III, who ruled from 1900 to 1946 and died in 1947, for its support of the fascist regime of Benito Mussolini.

The constitutional ban on a return to Italy by male heirs of the kingdom of Savoy was lifted in July 2002 by the national parliament.

Victor Emmanuel, whose father Umberto II reigned briefly as Italy's last king in 1946, was detained near Lake Como in northern Italy, close to the Swiss border. Twelve other people were detained or placed under house arrest, among them Salvatore Sottile, the spokesperson of former Foreign Minister Gianfranco Fini.

Also held were three casino managers from Messina in Sicily and the mayor of Campione.

The prosecutor in Potenza, Henry John Woodcock, has made no comment but the magistrate responsible for confirming the arrest warrants, Alberto Iannuzzi, said the inquiry had been "delicate" and lasted more than two years.

"The 2,000 or so pages of the arrest warrant that I signed after carefully evaluating the facts given to me by the prosecutor speak for themselves," he said answering Filiberto's "publicity stunt" charge.

"We are surprised and appalled at what has happened," said Alberto Claut, national secretary of the national monarchy movement."

Victor Emmanuel has had brushes with the law in the past. He was arrested on the French Mediterranean island of Corsica in 1978 after firing at a young German with whom he had had an argument and who died some months later from his wounds. *AFP*

PRINCE Victor Emmanuel of Savoy in undated photo. The prince returned to Italy in March 2003, after 56 years of exile.

Chechen rebel 'president' killed

GROZNY, RUSSIA—The self-declared Chechen rebel "president," Abdulkhamid Saidullayev, has been killed, officials in the Moscow-backed Chechen government told AFP here Saturday.

"Yes, I confirm this information," Muslim Khuchiyev, a minister without portfolio in the Chechen government, told AFP.

Russian media said Saidullayev was killed in a "special operation" that took place in the Chechen city of Argun, east of the Chechen capital Grozny. No further details on that operation were immediately available.

Chechen Prime Minister Ramzan Kadyrov characterized the killing of Saidullayev as a major success in the Russian fight against Chechen rebels, Interfax news agency said.

"The terrorists have practically been beheaded," Interfax quoted him as saying. "They have been dealt a decisive blow from which they will never recover."

The Kremlin-backed Chechen president, Alu Alkhanov, hailed the reported killing of Saidullayev.

"He was never any kind of president," Interfax quoted Alkhanov as saying.

"He was the leader of a group of bandits. He and his accomplices have the deaths of many peaceful civilians on their conscience and his liquidation clearly demonstrates the end that terrorists in Chechnya will come to."

Saidullayev, thought to be in his mid- to late-30s, was chosen in March 2005 to succeed the previous Chechen rebel "president," Aslan Maskhadov, after he was also killed by Russian special forces. *AFP*

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Project: Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program (PAREMAR)
Loan No.: Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 1746-PHI
Description of Works: Construction and Development of San Joaquin Linear Park cum Ferry Station in Brgy. San Joaquin, Pasig City

1. The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the ADB toward the cost of PAREMAR and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the Contract for the Construction and Development of San Joaquin Linear Park cum Ferry Station in A. Mendoza Street, Brgy. San Joaquin, Pasig City.
2. The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) as the executing agency now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following contract package:

Contract Package	Construction and Development of San Joaquin Linear Park cum Ferry Station in Brgy. San Joaquin, Pasig City
Contract No.	EPA-LPP-034
Location	Brgy. San Joaquin, Pasig City
Contract Duration	180 Calendar Days
Project Description	Construction and Development of Linear Park with Ferry Station, which include the following items of work: Siteworks / Earthworks; Site Improvement; Paving and Surfacing; Site Furniture Works; Electrical Works; Drainage Works; Landscaping / Softscaping; Civil Works; Steel Works; Roofing Works; Ceiling Works; Architectural Works; Sanitary / Plumbing Works; Electrical Works; Pontoon Works, Handicap Lift; Geotechnical Survey and Revetment Works.

3. Interested Bidders shall secure the Bid Documents and submit bids as follows:

Activity	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
Securing of (a) Eligibility Checklist or (b) submission of Letter of Intent and purchase of complete set of Bid Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 12,500.00	From June 19 to June 30, 2006	From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Securing of additional eligibility information (if any) and inspection of Bidding Documents	From June 19 to June 30, 2006	From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Site Inspection	July 19, 2006	10.00 a.m.	A. Mendoza St., Brgy. San Joaquin, Pasig City
Pre-Bid Conference	July 19, 2006	2:00 p.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Deadline for submission of Bids	July 31, 2006	10:00 a.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Opening of Bids	July 31, 2006	10:30 a.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City

4. The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) and the City of Pasig shall be the implementing agencies of the Contract.
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Harbour Centre bags PBL Unity Cup crown

Yeo helps P'masters become lowest-seeded champs

By Jasmine W. Payo

IT WAS A CHAMPIONSHIP NO one could have predicted.

Harbour Centre got the lift it needed from Joseph Yeo and became the lowest-seeded team to win a Philippine Basketball League title after a 73-66 victory yesterday gave the Portmasters the Unity Cup at the jampacked Olivarez Sports Center in Parañaque.

It was a sensational feat for Yeo, named Pivotal Player of the series, as he pumped in 21 of his 28 points from beyond the arc in the classic encounter that decided the best-of-five series, 3-2.

Finals Most Valuable Player LA Tenorio also capped his impressive series-performance with 17 points, four rebounds and four assists.

"Joseph clicked from the outside, that was the factor," said Harbour Centre coach Jorge Gallent.

It was a steep climb to the top for the sixth-seeded Portmasters, who were playing only in their third conference.

Before outlasting the top-ranked Toyota Otis, the young crew overcame Granny Goose's twice-to-beat advantage in the quarterfinals and knocked out Montaña in the best-of five semifinal series, also going the full route.

"We realized our dream," said team owner Mikee Romero. "I thank Jorge Gallent and the boys, especially LA and Joseph."

"We picked up in the second round of the season," noted Gallent. "They realized that offense won't win games but defense. We became a better defensive team."

But clearly, it was offense that spelled the difference in Game 5.

The Portmasters drilled in 36 points from the three-point area, while the Sparks could only muster six. Five of Harbour Centre's triples came in the opening of the fourth period that opened up a 68-57 lead heading into the final 4:50.

Yeo, the former La Salle ace who is entertaining thoughts of turning pro, hit four of his seven triples in that deciding run.

The Sparks still had time to catch up, but couldn't come closer than five points the rest of the way even if the Portmasters missed seven of the next 15 free throws awarded them.

Also unfortunate for the Sparks was the absence of starting forward Aaron Aban, who sat on the bench for the second straight game due to a fractured wrist. Joe Devance, who won the MVP award, paced the Sparks with 14 markers.

Tenorio shot six points in a 12-5 run that turned an 8-6 lead into a 20-11 advantage.

Coming off the bench, JV Casio provided instant offense for the Sparks to cut the deficit by five, 20-15, at the end of the first period.

Still dictating the tempo, the Portmasters turned to Ryan Araña for a 29-22 edge, with 4:47 minutes remaining.

But the closing minutes of the first half turned out to be a different story. The Portmasters just couldn't connect and trailed at 29-36 after the Sparks rolled to a 14-0 run.

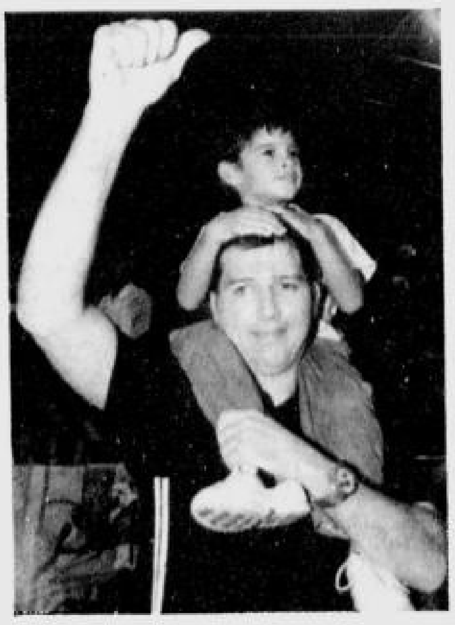
When a Tenorio jumper ended the Portmasters' scoring drought, a Yeo triple provided even more relief as they trimmed the deficit to a basket, 34-36, at halftime.

The scores:

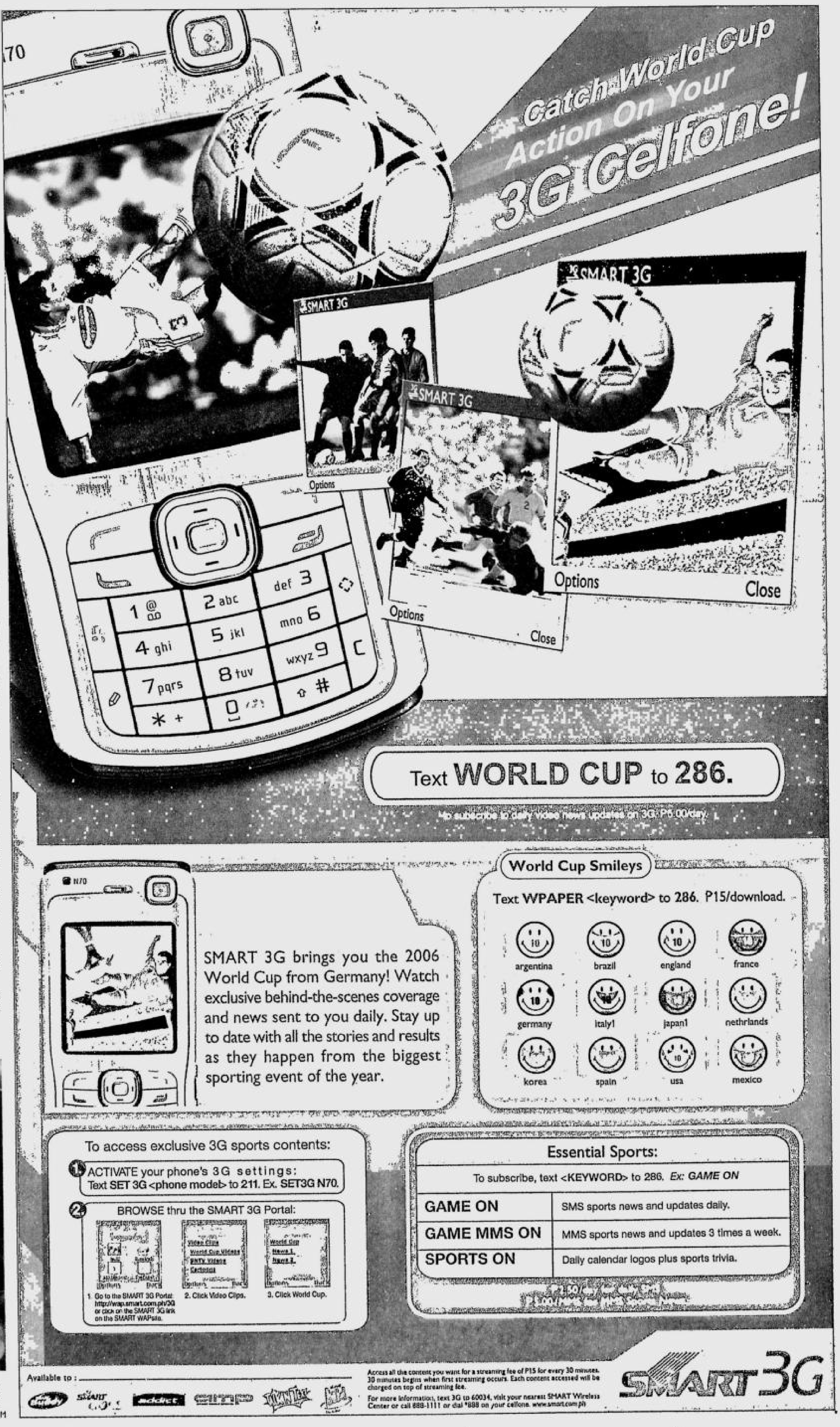
HARBOUR CENTRE 73—Yeo 28, Tenorio 17, Alonzo 9, Arana 5, Chia 5, Reyes 4, Lanete 3, Coching 2, Malerhofer 0, Gaco 0.

TOYOTA OTIS 66—Devance 14, Casio 10, Oreta 8, Larong 6, Aldave 6, Bautista 6, Daa 6, Alcaraz 6, Coronel 2, Rodriguez 2, Andaya 0.

Quarters: 20-15, 34-36, 53-57, 73-66



HARBOUR Centre head coach Jorge Gallent is contentment personified after steering the Portmasters to their first PBL title. RYAN LIM



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Spring Cooking Oil cagers rule Bahrain tourney

MANAM, BAHRAIN—THE PHILIPPINES' Spring Cooking Oil basketball team dumped Bahrain's national team, 87-67, Friday to rule the 4th Bahrain-RP Goodwill Games at the Juffair Youth Center here.

The Cooking Oil Masters of NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla jumped to early leads of 11-0 and 15-1 before taking a commanding 33-14 first-quarter edge and never wavered.

A capacity crowd of mostly Filipino migrant workers cheered lustily throughout as the Cooking Oil Masters outgunned and outhustled their taller rivals.

Ex-collegian Aldrin Morante shone for Spring, shooting six-of-six from three-point range en route to 22 points and dishing out seven assists.

Former Red Bull star Nelson Asaytono had another big night, finishing with 17 points and eight rebounds, while ex-pro Danny Capobres contributed 17 points, including a triple which doused cold water on Bahrain's rally that narrowed the gap to 73-63.

"The boys fought hard. They did not let our countrymen down," said coach Efren "Yong" Garcia. "Defense was the key. We pressed them from the start and limited their gunners. After three quarters, they could score only 46 points."

Team owner Padilla, a consistent national shooter, congratulated his boys from Manila. "You did our country proud," said Padilla. "I'm happy that you were able to entertain our *kababayans* and prove to them that Filipinos are still among the best in Asian basketball."

Bahrain Basketball Association president Sheik Mohammed and Philippine Ambassador Pablo Maglaya presented the trophy to Spring delegation head Tito Palma and coach Garcia.

The Filipinos are scheduled to arrive at 4 p.m. today.

The scores:

SPRING 87—Morante 22, Asaytono 17, Capobres 17, Gascon 12, David 7, Epondulan 6, Reyes 4, Neo 2, Victolero 2.

BAHRAIN 67—Ahmed Al Mutawa 22, Mohammed Hassan 14, Hussain Saquer 11, Isa Ibrahim 5, Ali Shahram 5, Sadeq Jaffer 4, Kadhem Majeed 4.

Quarters: 33-14, 45-31, 65-46, 87-67

Jungolfers off to Singapore Asean meet

NINE LOCAL JUNGOLFERS ARE LEAVING TODAY FOR SINGAPORE TO COMPETE in the 5th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) Schools Golf Championships at the Seletar Country Club. Making up the contingent that will carry the colors of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines are Regina de Guzman, Paulina Sotto, Katya Margarita dela Cruz, Beverly Mendoza, Chris Jordan Mamaril, Gabriel Villareal, Nicolae Eribert Sevilla, Nico Monsalve and Marvin Luis Mendoza. Hosted by the Singapore School Sports Council under the Ministry of Education, the tournament will feature team and individual competitions for boys and girls. Meanwhile, participants to the annual Junior World championships in San Diego, California, on July 9-15 have started to leave in batches since last week.

THE HARBOUR Centre Portmasters and their supporters jubilate after winning the PBL Unity Cup yesterday. *Story on Page A31* RYAN LIM

Long respite worries SMB; Purefoods ready for battle

THE LONG LAYOFF COULD BECOME DISASTROUS for San Miguel Beer. For Purefoods, the three-week vacation is a welcome respite.

The Beermen and the Giants will resume their championship bid against separate rivals fresh from their quarterfinal conquests when the PBA Philippine Cup semifinals start today at the Araneta Coliseum.

Topnotcher Purefoods meets Alaska at 4:10 p.m. while San Miguel Beer takes on Red Bull in a best-of-seven semifinal affair at 6:35.

With a history of slowing down after a protracted break, the second-seeded Beermen are expected to grope for form with two of the team's leading scorers recovering from injuries.

Danny Ildefonso sprained his left ankle in a tuneup game against PBL squad Montaña Pawnshop last week. The two-time MVP might sit out Game 1 if the twitch on his foot persists.

Danny Seigle is also in the injury list. The statistical leader this conference was hit by back spasms a few days ago. Seigle is a doubtful starter, according to San Miguel assistant coach Boybits Victoria.

In contrast, the Giants are up and about following a variety of injuries that plagued them after the elimination round.

Kerby Raymundo, Jun Limpot and Noy Castillo got the much-needed time and rest for recovery. The Giants also signed up Don Camaso to add another dimension to their rotation.

"The long break definitely worked for us because we had time for the injuries to recuperate," said Purefoods coach Ryan Gregorio. "It's going to be a tough matchup against Alaska but we'll be ready."

Coming off a three-day rest, the Aces had enough time to heal from injuries and refresh those strained muscles after wrapping up their series against the Tigers in four games.

The only liability the Aces will have is the crevice Reynel Hugnatan opened up after fracturing his nose in Game 3 of the quarterfinals. Alaska coach Tim Cone said Hugnatan would go through surgery and miss two games at the most.

The Aces lost against the Giants in their two meetings in the classification round. But that was before the Aces came up with a blockbuster deal that had them acquiring Willie Miller and John Ferriols.

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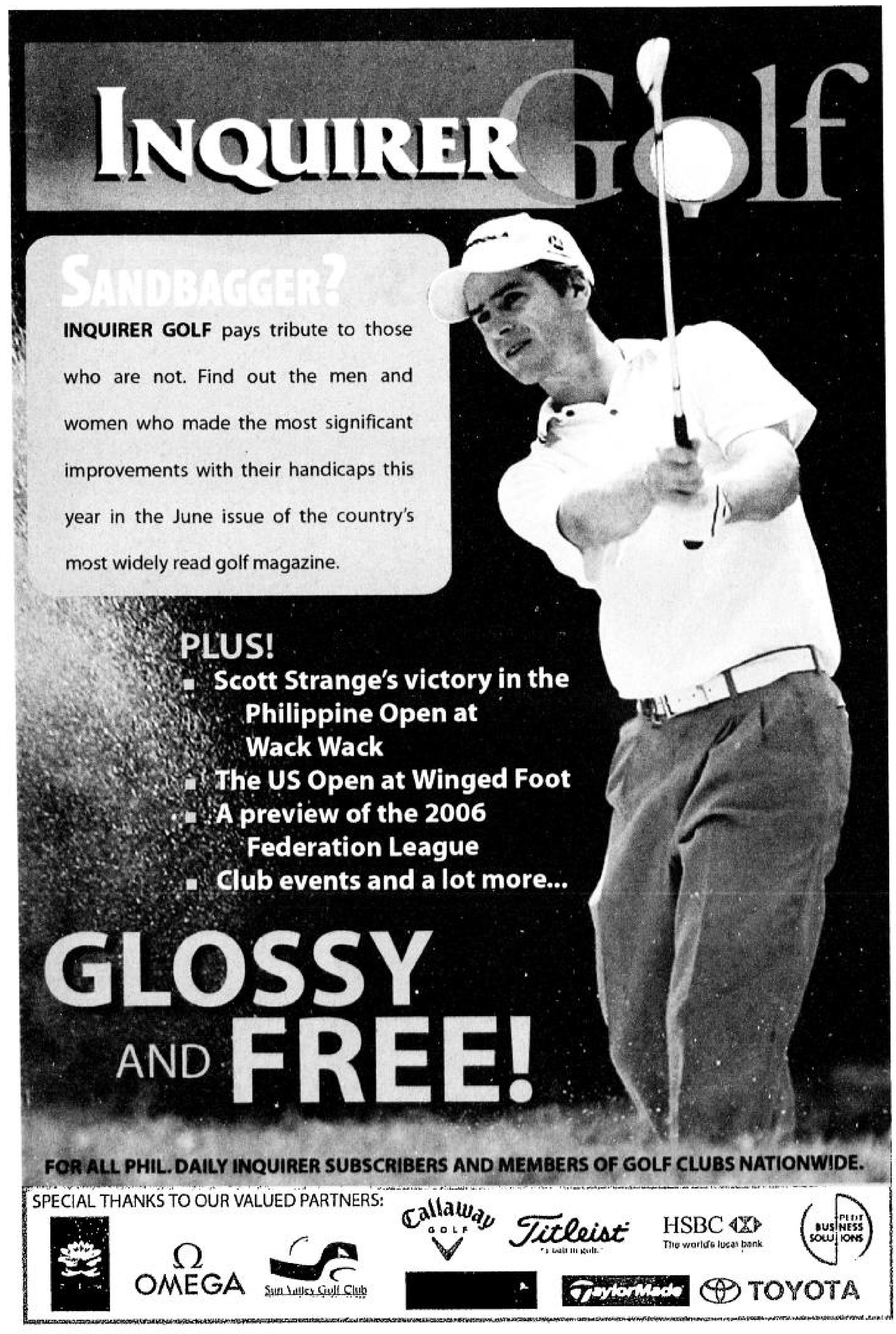

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Magallanes benefit golf June 26

"FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN," A GOLF TOURNAMENT ORGANIZED BY THE ST. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Parish of Magallanes Village, will be on June 26 at the Sta. Elena Golf County Club in Cabuyao, Laguna. It will use a system 36 format, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. At stake apart from trophies are valuable prizes such as tickets from Philippine Airlines, Mizuno golf equipment, Union 29" flat screen TV set, home appliances, electronic goods and cellphones plus a Yamaha golf cart courtesy of Kart Plaza Inc. for a hole-in-one. The event, chaired by lawyer Manuel O. Chan Jr., is part of a fund raising drive for the rebuilding of the parish church which burned down in 2004. Contact St. Alphonsus Parish office at 852-8228.

Asuncions skip JVC Open

TO PROVIDE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD IN THE CENTERPIECE ELITE MASTERS category, Kennie and Kennevic Asuncion have decided to skip the P1 million JVC Open Badminton Championships which gets underway July 2-9 at the Glorietta Activity Center. The Asuncions lorded it over the field last year and ran away with the singles and mixed doubles crowns with Kennie winning the women's doubles title in a team-up with Paola Obañana. The brother-sister tandem is also coming off a runner-up finish in the recent Bingo Bonanza Philippine Open and a couple of inspiring victories in Australia and New Zealand the last two weeks. Their absence would make the race for the top P35,000 purse wide open with Karyn Velez and national team mainstay Irene Chiu expected to lead the battle in the women's singles and RP team members Jaime Junio and Lloyd Escoses fancied to spearhead the title hunt in the men's side.

Aventajado keynotes Olympic Day Run

PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE CHAIR ROBERT AVENTAJADO KEYNOTES Sunday's Olympic Day Run formally kicking off the 28-sport Philippine Olympic Festival. The ODR starts and ends at the Sports Kamp, Global City, Taguig City at 6:30 a.m. Commissioner Ritchie Garcia, In-charge of NSA Affairs of the Philippine Sports Commission, and Taguig City Mayor Freddie Tinga will also address the runners. A 10K race, 10K wheelathon and 3K fun run are on tap in the ODR, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary as an activity by the National Olympic Committees worldwide to commemorate the founding of the Olympic Movement.

Rich Makati cockfest slated

ANOTHER RICH COCKFEST, THE SALPUKAN SA TAGLUGON 5-COCK DERBY, sizzles at the Makati Coliseum on July 10, 12, 15, 17, 19 and 22 with a guaranteed prize of P2 million plus a brand new Ford Escape. Promoters Lito Orillaza, Rudy Salud and William Co of WTJ Sports and Amusement Corp. pegged the entry fee at P10,000 and minimum bet at P5,500. The WTJ also staged the 317-entry Summer Salpukan derby last month, where three participants emerged co-champions: Noriaki Morita of Japan (JGBA Morita), Richard Bates and Col. Katigbak (Suwerteng Magkasama) and the AS Gold Cup team (AS Angelica Mae). Meanwhile, the Pinoy Cockers Association of the Philippines (PCAP) 5-cock derby blasts off at 5 p.m. tomorrow with some 70 fights lined up. For info, call 896-3545 and 895-6475.

Topacio eyes Cocker of the Year title

JUN TOPACIO OF CAVITE, WINNER OF COUNTLESS BIGTIME DERBIES, will gun for his first ever Cocker of the Year title when the GCAP Grand Championship 5-cock derby unfolds on Wednesday, June 21 at San Juan Coliseum. Sponsor is Sagupaan Complexor 3000. The 2006 Gentlemen Cockers Association of the Philippines (GCAP) Cocker of the Year winner will be known after the derby on Wednesday and shall receive a silver cup and cash prize. Topacio's entry, JT Emerald currently leads the race with 29 points followed by Spartan's Pichay (27.5) of Rep. Butch Pichay and Rey Briones, Sagupaan Complexor 3000 (26.5) Patrick Antonio, Against All Odds (26.5) of Gerry Ramos, JU AS WG Listana (26.5) of Allan Siaco and LCC Leonard (26) of Louie Cua. Others in the top 10 list are the entries of Boy Royo, Benjie Lim and Pol Estrellado, Jet Fernando and Jingco Brothers and Manny Pacquiao. For more inquiries, please call 725-5369 and 725-6563 or 0917-8041691 (look for Ronnie).

CATANDUANES Gov. Leandro Verceles Jr. (center) wins first place in the Oakley and Stoked Inc. Wakeboarding Competition, Men's Novice Division, held at Talisay, lake Taal, batangas. Macky Beltran (left) wins second place and Herman Alova in third place.

Orcollo takes 2nd in US tilt

MONEY GAME KING DENNIS "SURIGAO" Orcollo placed second in the recent One Pocket event of the Hard Times Summer Jamboree Thursday at the Hard Times Billiards Hall in Sacramento, California, USA.

After tasting his first loss at the hands of Mark Haddad (3-1) in the winners' bracket in the fourth round, the 27-year-old Orcollo, who hails from Bislig, Surigao del Sur, clustered five wins at the expense of countryman Gandy Valle (3-2), Billy Palmer (3-0), Lance Salazar (3-2), Haddad (3-1) and Richard Burns (3-1) in the losers' bracket to arrange a titular showdown with unbeaten Tony Chohan of California in the race-to-5 finals, double elimination format.

Chohan, known as "T-Rex" in the pool circuit, beat Orcollo in the championship round, 5-1.

"Medyo kinapos tayo kay Tony (Chohan)," said Orcollo, playing under the stable of businessman Perry Mariano, who pocketed $1,500.

"This proves that Dennis isn't good only for the 8 and 9 ball events," said Mariano. "Imagine this is his first crack in the one pocket and yet he placed second."

Aside from Orcollo and Valle, also under Mariano's stable, other Filipinos who competed are Cebuano master Warren Kiamco, Filipino legend Jose "Amang" Parica and Santos Sambajon, both residing in California.

Last week, Orcollo topped the 2006 Reno Open and received the top purse of $12,500.

Marlon Bernardino

STUNT: Yamaha MotoGP rider Valentino Rossi in the second free practice at the Catalonia Motorcycling Grand Prix in the Montmelo racetrack near Barcelona, Spain.

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Garcia an FM at 10; Pimentel takes gold

WHIZ KID JAN EMMANUEL GARCIA of Sampaloc, Manila, and neophyte Joel Pimentel of Bacolod City, topped their respective divisions to earn gold medals and Fide Master titles in the 7th ASEAN Age-Group Chess Championships yesterday at the Mercure Convention Center in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Samantha Glo Revita of Rosales, Pangasinan, and Chardine Cheradee Camacho of Caba, La Union, chipped in a bronze medal each as the Filipinos made a good account of themselves in standard play.

The 15th-seeded Jan Emmanuel, son of lawyer Florand Garcia, expertly handled the black pieces to beat 8th-seeded Dang Hoang Son of Vietnam after 58 moves of a Modern Defense and capture the boys' 12 and under title with 7.5 points in nine games of play.

"Talaga pong pinilit kong manalo," said Garcia, who became the country's youngest FM ever at 10. "Draw lang ay gold na pero target ko ang outright FM title kaya must-win situation ako."

Another whiz kid, Wesley So was 11 when he got his FM title.

Garcia also beat 2nd-seeded Foo Zhi Rong Benjamin of Singapore in the eight round last Friday.

The 24th-seeded Pimentel, on the other hand, clinched the outright FM title and the country's first gold medal as early as Friday after halving the point with Nguyen Van Thanh of Vietnam. Pimentel also made an 11- move draw against 27th-seeded M. Ervan of Indonesia in their final match using the Nimzo-Indian Defense to score 7.5 points in the boys' 14 and under.

"Nagpapasalamat po ako kay Bro. Rolly Dizon at Mr. Jess Sanchez," said Pimentel. "Sila po kasi ang tumulong sa kampanya ko dito. S'yempre kasama din ang mga magulang ko."

The 13th-seeded Revita bested 9th-seeded Ho En Ying Michelle of Singapore to score 6.0 points and grab the bronze medal in the girls' 8 and under. "Suwerte lamang po." said the 6-year-old Revita, the youngest RP age-group member.

The 3rd-seeded Camacho, on the other hand, downed 14th-seeded Le Hoai Bao Duyen of Vietnam to notch 7.0 points in the girls' 12 and under.

However, 8th-seeded Rulp Ylem Jose of Makati City dropped her last round match against eventual winner Irine Kharisma Sukandar of Indonesia (8.0 points) and wound up fourth with 6.0 points.

In other Filipino results, Paulo Bersamina of Pasay City bowed to Pham Quang Hung of Vietnam to finish at 5.5 points in the boys' 8 and under.

Melwynn Kenneth Baltazar of Malabon City also yielded to Le Minh Hoang of Vietnam and notched 4.5 points in the boys' 10 and under.

John Ranel Morazo of Paniqui, Tarlac, nipped Nguyen Manh Truong of Vietnam to finish with 5.5 points in the boys' 16 and under. Paulo James Florendo of Zamboanga City drew with 5th-seeded Nguyen Ngoc Phung of Vietnam to score 5.5 points in the boys 18 and under.

Completing Team Philippines were Mira Mirano of Aklan (5.0 points) in the girls 10 and under and Kimberly Jane Cunanan of Angeles City, Pampanga, (6.0 points) in the girls' 16 and under.

PBL honors Welbest franchise

THE TIME TO BRING ITS ACT TO the pro ranks has come. And Rain or Shine can look back with pride at what it accomplished in the amateur backyard.

The former Welcoat Paints became one of the most dominant teams in the Philippine Basketball League, nurturing the careers of some of the finest pro cagers in the country today.

The likes of Romel Adducul, Ren-Ren Ritualo, Don Allado, Yancy de Ocampo, Marc Pingris, Ronald Tubid, Anthony Washington, Leomar Najorda, Denok Miranda, Eddie Laure, Celino Cruz, Renato Morano, Gilbert Demape and James Yap have, at one time or another, don the jersey of the Welbest franchise.

No wonder these so-called Welcoat babies are eagerly awaiting the team's PBA debut in October.

"Boss, aakyat din lang pala kayo sa PBA, sana nag-hintay na lang ako (I should have waited had I known you're moving up to the PBA)," the 6-foot-9 Yancy de Ocampo said, not meaning to demean his current PBA team, Air21, but more of a playful jab at his former bosses, Welcoat owners Terry Que and Raymund Yu.

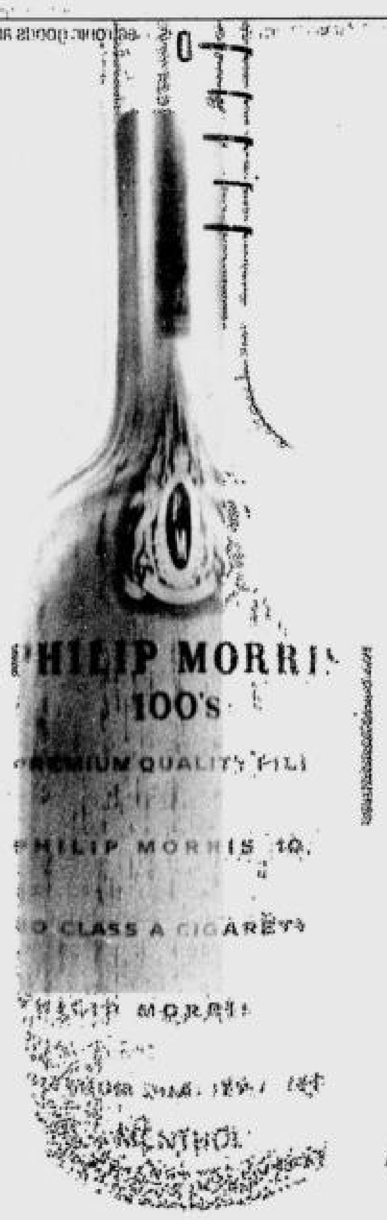
Que and Yu, together with Yu's mother Margaret, the team's acknowledged no. 1 cheerer, were present during the farewell tribute given by the PBL on one of the most successful teams ever to play in the 24-year league.

De Ocampo, together with Allado and Eugene Tan powered the Elasto Painters team that bagged its first ever PBL title with a 3-0 sweep of the Red Bull Energy Drinkers during the 1999 Challenge Cup.

The franchise won five more championships in 12 finals appearances, putting the team almost in the same breath as the legendary PBL ball clubs like Magnolia in the 80s and Tanduay in the 90s.

Que and Yu, together with Ms Yu, were each presented with a jacket by Commissioner Chino Trinidad during the hour-long ceremony at the Olivarez College Sports Center, symbolic of the league's gratitude for the team's contribution in the growth of the PBL.

TEAM OWNERS Raymond Yu and Terry Que flank the matriarch of the Rain or Shine team, Margaret Yu, after the farewell tribute given by the Philippine Basketball League last Tuesday at the Olivarez Sports Center.



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28th perfect game pushes Rivera ahead

POWERED BY A PERFECT GAME IN THE SECOND GAME, NATIONAL team skipper Biboy Rivera led the first block of the Men's Open Class Masters of the 35th PBC-Boysen International Open Tenpin Bowling Championships Friday night at the Green Valley.

The lanes were cleared, the crowd hushed and bowlers waited on the instructions of the tournament barker as the 32-year-old Rivera completed 12 strikes for the 28th perfect game of his career on lanes 11 and 12 just before the strike of midnight.

That catapulted him on top of the first eight-game block with a total of 1960 on lines of 256-300-223-236-233-233-235-244 as four other Filipino campaigners jammed the top four of the Masters division. Bowlers play for another eight-game block where the top six players make it to the stepladder finals late Saturday.

"I had a good line and I just felt it coming right off my throws," said Rivera, the 2002 Busan Asian Games gold winner who used a 15-pound Depth Charge Storm ball to accomplish the sixth perfect game in the tournament.

Korean World Champion Kang Hyun Jin also fired a 300 game earlier that day in the first block of the Ladies masters. The 22-year-old Kang, the World Masters champ in 2004 in Guam, accomplished it on lanes 29 and 30 during her first game in the eight-game series where she finished with an 1869 total for third place.

Her countryman Kim Eun Jung occupied the pole position with a 1929 total, pacing yet another Korean Kim Soo Kyoung who had 1920. Thai World Youth champion Angkana Nterviseth was fourth with 1837.

Coming in fourth was local bet World trios champ Cecilia Yap who strung up 267-225-207-245-224-213-181-248 for a 1810 total followed by 2004 ABF Tour RP leg champ Irene Benitez who tallied 1767 on lines of 200-218-233-204-214-234-256-208. RP teener Marjo Reyes came in seventh with 1766 total pinfalls.

Liza del Rosario, the All-Events winner, squeezed into the top 9 with 1733. Perfect game achiever Liza Clutario was 11th (1717) while Jojo Canare wound up 14th with 1686.

Asian top player Shalin Zulkifli lagged behind at 17th with a 1671.

Purvis Granger, the American coach who is competing under the RP colors, was second with a 1883 total, followed by Japan-born Takahiro Yoshida who had 1842.

Meanwhile, Mar Serac of TBAM-Prima ruled the Men's Graded Masters even as Korean Hwang Moon Jung claimed the Ladies' crown.

Don Exequiel refreshed for Triple Crown

By Musong R. Castillo

DON EXEQUIEL HAS BEEN "FRESHENED UP," ready for a bigger run that would hopefully lead to the second jewel of the prestigious Triple Crown.

The handsome colt out of the dominant Hermie Esguerra stables went through a different preparation process to prime up for the JV Ongpin Cup slated over 1,800 meters today at the Santa Ana Park in Makati.

"Of course, he was prepped in a different way, the race being longer," Esguerra told the Inquirer yesterday. "My team has done a good job, but much of that has to be kept within the team.

"The only thing that is sure is that Don Exequiel has been freshened up for the race."

Don Exequiel's first leg victory over the mile at San Lazaro four weeks ago did not give the Bench Mark out of Belle Epoque progeny the credit he deserves.

In fact, it did not even make him the early first pick to rule the P2 million leg at around 5:25 this afternoon with tipsters looking at Special Edition to finally complete a come-from-behind win.

Not since Silver Story has there been a Triple Crown champion and not before this talented 10-horse field has there ever been a series so wide open, which would make an eventual sweep this year even sweeter.

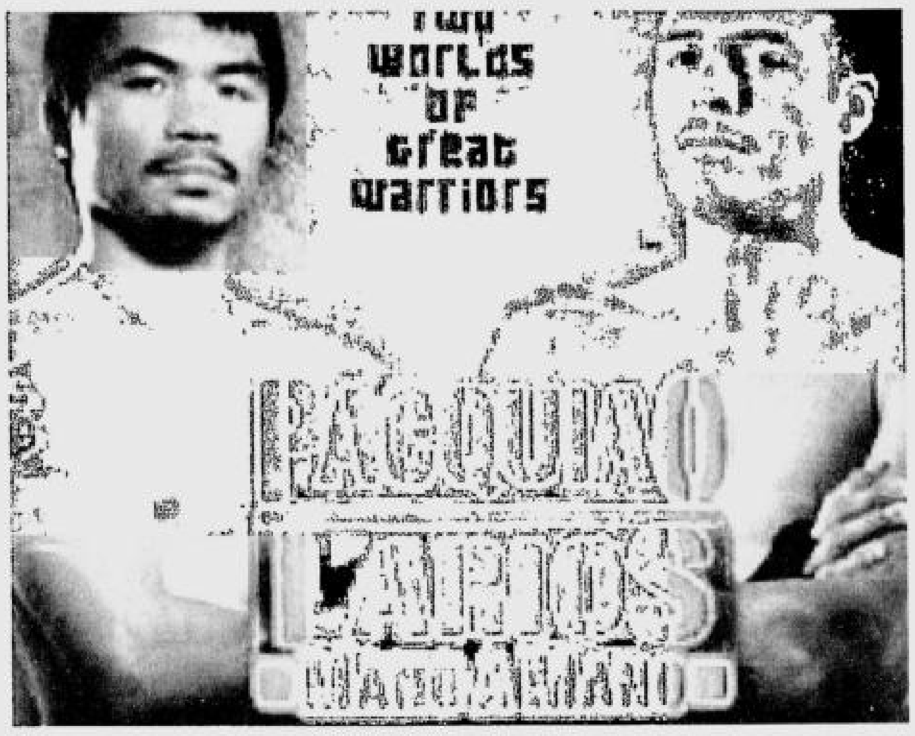
Aside from Don Exequiel and Special Edition, others in the hunt for the P1.2 million winner's prize are speedball Million Dollar, Hard To Find, Dixie the Younger, Batong Silyar, Tigres in Action, Jet Sutter, Mr. Victory and another Esguerra entry, Santiago.

Ronald Baldonido partners Don Exequiel, whom Esguerra named after his late father, while Dominador Borbe pilots the favorite Special Edition.

Antonio Alcasid Jr. will handle Batong Silyar, Manolito Daquis will steer Jet Sutter and Val Dilema will be holding Dixie The Younger's reins.

Two more big money races are on tap - the PCSO Special Maiden Race at 4:50 p.m. featuring five talented neophytes and the full field Hopeful Stakes at 6:30 p.m.

Baldonido came up with a smart ride atop Don Exequiel four weeks ago, patiently stalking the pace-setters before holding off a charging cavalry in the final bend for his second straight victory since a long layoff.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THE PROTAGONISTS: Pacquiao and Larios

Sharp Pacquiao spars 12 rounds

FILIPINO SUPERSTAR MANNY Pacquiao has reached the crescendo in his preparations in the United States and has declared himself in tremendous shape for his July 2 clash with Mexican Oscar "Chololo" Larios at the Araneta Coliseum.

Pacquiao sparred for 12 rounds against much bigger foes at the Wild Card gym in Los Angeles yesterday and his handlers led by esteemed trainer Freddie Roach, believes that the fight will not last the distance.

"His (Pacquiao's) moves are now visibly sharp," said Filipino trainer Buboy Fernandez in an interview from LA. "He's ready for the fight, even if it goes into deep waters."

Pacquiao downplayed comparisons between his sparmates and that of Larios in Japan, who includes WBC bantam champ Hozumi Hasegawa and world-ranked Toshiaki Nishioka.

'I know that his sparmates are also good, but look, I'm sparring against much bigger boys who are welterweights, junior welterweights and lightweight," Pacquiao said. "His sparmates are only bantam and superbantamweights."

The Filipino boxing icon, Fernandez said, has also shown tremendous stamina in road works in Los Angeles, recently conquering a "killer run" which Fernandez describes as a very long uphill distance.

Roach, as well as conditioning coach Justin Fortune, also stressed in an interview with ABS-CBN that Pacquiao has the tools to win the fight by early knockout, although they are not ruling out a stretched-out battle with the taller former world champ Larios.

Pacquiao's three sparmates—Rustam Nugaev, Vladimir Sykov, and Shadi Hamsho--have also predicted that Pacquiao will stop Larios somewhere between the fourth and eighth rounds, considering what they have undergone while sparring against the Pacman.

Meanwhile, Rex "Wakee" Salud, Pacquiao's associate who is now in the country, also told that once the Filipino superstar arrives on Tuesday in Manila, he will immediately work out at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum, which should be big enough a place to hold his daily training leading up to the fight. *Salven L. Lagumbay contributor*

NBC semis: Iloilo beats Pagadian

POTOTAN, ILOILO—THE TOYOTA-Iloilo Warriors posted another stunner Friday night, this time taking the scalp of the Pagadian Explorers, 86-83, to draw first blood in their best-of-three southern semifinal series in the 2006 Guerrero Brandy-NBC national basketball championship at the Astrodome here.

The Warriors of the Iloilo Basketball League and Mayor Jerry Trenas, who finished at the bottom of the southern division at 3-8, banked on Francis Sanz's basket in the last 29 seconds to break an 83-83 tie and surge ahead, 1-0.

"I couldn't ask for more. I just wish this team would go all the way," said coach John Trompeta, who was scheduled to leave for the United States to join his family.

Over at the C.P. Tinga gym in Taguig City, Bacchus/Harbour Centre-Manila beat Laguna-Sta.Rosa, 74-68, to gain the semifinals of the tourney.

Samsung Tour: Bayron moves up as Aunzo falters

DAVAO—JAY BAYRON ASSUMED CONtrol by matching par 72 yesterday even as Gene Bondoc came charging back to boost his drive for an upset victory in the Samsung Tour third leg at the Rancho Palos Verdes Golf and Country Club course here.

Bayron, aiming to finally get his slot in the finals after being denied by Marvin Dumandan in Baguio, collected three birdies and as many bogeys to post a 54-hole aggregate of 210 and a two-stroke lead over ICTSI stablemate Bondoc.

Bondoc, four down at the start of the round, moved into contention after submitting the day's best round of 70 on nines of 34-36. He came to within one after Bayron bogeyed the 10th but couldn't sustain his rally.

Ferdie Aunzo, who forged a tie with Bayron after a hot 67 on Friday, figured in a back nine meltdown and tumbled to fifth place.

Aunzo ballooned to a 79 for a 217, allowing Mark Fernando and Mike Bibat to claim the third and fourth positions with 72s.

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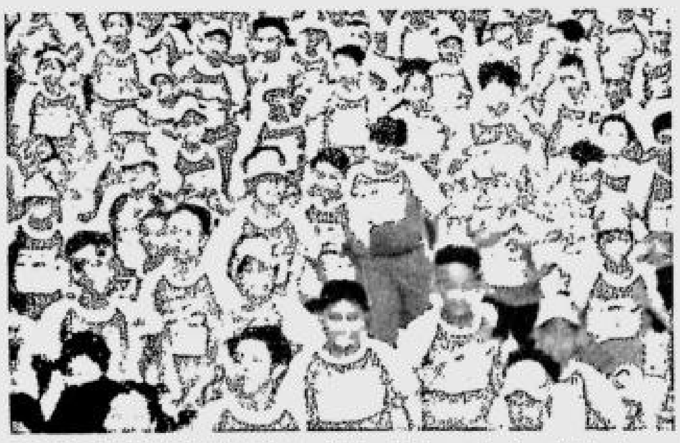
Fernando and Bibat were at 213 and 215, respectively, in the event co-sponsored by Taylor Made, C-Lium Fibre, Microtel, Titleist, Custom Clubmakers/KZG and Sunbolt. Media partners are Jam 88.3, Wave 89.1, Magic 89.9 and 99.5 RT. Highlights of the event will be shown on Solar Sports Plus.

Completing the standings were Boboy Jaraula (72) and National Caddies Open standout Joseph Labajo (76) who were tied at 218, Jonel Ababa (75) at 220 and a three-way tie at 221 including Louie Dacudao (75), Rufino Bayron (76) and Miko Yee (77).

Meanwhile, Elindo Lo and JP Duremdes made it to the champions list by topping Class C and Class D, respectively, of the men's division.

Lo 93-88-181 to beat George Elazegui (90-92-182) by one. Elazegui nipped Antonio Batao in the countback for the runner-up trophy. Duremdes' consecutive rounds of 90 proved too hot to handle for his rivals. He won by 13 strokes over Prinya Lee and Darwis Bederi.



YOUNG HEALTH BUFFS. School kids will share the limelight when the 30th National MILO Marathon holds its elimination race in Metro Manila on July 16 at the Luneta Park.

Lady Stags stun Lady Archers; Lyceum wins

By Marc Anthony Reyes

WHAT WAS WISHFUL THINKING several weeks ago, became a reality for San Sebastian yesterday.

The Lady Stags, taking advantage of their newfound fire and the opponents' weak resolve, finally smeared La Salle's immaculate slate with a 25-13, 17-25, 25-18, 34-32 triumph to stay in the championship course of the Shakey's V-League at the Blue Eagler Gym.

Jaroensri Bualee gamely took on the challenge of her fellow Thai import Jindarat Kanchana, firing up the Lady Stags with 31 points, highlighted by two successive spikes that ended the grueling action fter nearly two hours.

It was San Sebastian's eighth win in 12 games, and fourth in the semis as it inched closer to the second finals berth ahead of Adamson which is at 7-4. One more victory will assure San Sebastian of a rubber-match for the last finals slot.

As expected, the Lady Archers weren't too cautious against the Lady Stags' threat, experimenting on several combinations and attack patterns as they gear up for the finals, having earned the berth ahead of the rest with their 11-1 record.

Laurence Ann Latigay and Joy Pulido supported the Thai sensation with 14 and 11 points for San Sebastian, which entered the game hell-bent on avenging its defeat to La Salle in the first round of the semis, when it blew a two-set lead.

From the opening set on, the Lady Stags dictated the pace against the Lady Archers who scattered their scoring chores among several players instead of hinging their fate on the power-hitting Kanchana.

Yet the Lady Archers had too much pride to lose by straight sets, working their way to even the match at 1-1 before the Lady Stags claimed the third set through perfectly set plays anchored on Bualee. The 5-foot-9 Bualee then took charge in the marathon fourth set, hammering at will to force La Salle to yield.

GAMES TOMORROW ***(Blue Eagle Gym)***
12 nn.—San Sebastian vs Lyceum
2 p.m.—FEU vs Adamson

Milo Marathon begins registration in Manila

THE SEARCH FOR METRO MANIla qualifiers to the 30th National Milo Marathon finals on Dec. 10 is on.

Of the 29 qualifying races, the Metro Manila leg on July 16 is the only elimination leg not run in the 21-kilometer distance. Instead, participants here will compete in the full 42K marathon and will use the same route as the December finale.

In the other legs, only the top three finishers in the men's and women's get slots to the finale. In Manila, those that finished within the qualifying time of four hours for men and four and a half hours for women are qualified to run in the December finals.

Rudy Biscocho, National Milo Marathon organizer and race director for the National MILO Marathon Metro Manila elimination run, said registration starts on June 20 at the ground floor of the Vasquez Madrigal Plaza Bldg., Annapolis St., San Juan.

There are four events up for competition: the 3K kiddies run for those ages 6 to 12; the 5K Fun Run for schools, colleges and universities; the 10K run and the 42K qualifying run. Participants in the 5K and 10K run should be 13 years and above, while those entering in the 42K qualifying run should be at least 18 years old. Some 15,000 runners are expected to join the July 16 Manila elimination run held in partnership with Bayview Park Hotel-Manila, Adidas, Cebu Pacific, Dep't of Tourism, and Powerbar.

Also supporting the run is the Metro Manila Development Authority, the cities of Manila, Pasay, Paranaque, Makati, and Taguig. Mayor Lito Atienza and the Masco office of Ali Atienza has given its full backing for its staging at the Quirino Grandstand and Roxas Blvd.

Buncio: 2 enducross titles

SAN MATEO, RIZAL—MAICO BUNcio proved that he is one of the best young riders on the horizon today when he snared two titles in the 2nd leg of 2006 Endurocross at the Timberland Heights Raceway in San Mateo, Rizal.

Buncio ruled the Beginner's Production and the Special Event category in the motorsports festival organized by KP5 president Nani A. Pazcoguin. In the Beginner's Production, Buncio fended off the challenge of eventual runner-up Bobet Vidanes and third placer Gino Memije before stamping his class anew in the Special Event, where he racked up 25 and 22 points.

Matching Buncio's feat was Roman Llorente, who won the Executive and Novice Open categories of the tournament with Filinvest Land Inc., W.L. Foods and Chadarakobi Prod as major sponsors.

Also leaving their mark were Glenn Aguilar, TJ Alberto, Jun Mendoza and Jerry Torres. Aguilar topped the premier Pro Open division. For details, contact KP5 at 0922-3258413, fax 02-9323296, email kp5@pldtdsl.net and kinetic_production@yahoo.com

COURTESY CALL: Members of the Philippine junior team to the 12th Southeast Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships in Bangkok, Thailand, pay a courtesy call to Sen. Richard Gordon. The team under the Filipino Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation brought home a bronze medal courtesy of Kheith Lhynne Cruz and Ian Nieter Lariba in the girls doubles (15 years old and under). (From left) Joey Sy, Rachel Ramos, Charlie Lim, William Gosiaco, Gordon, Ian Nietes Lariba, Janine Dy, Kheith Lhynne Cruz. Back (from left) Philip Uy, Victor Valbuena (Table Tennis Association of the Philippines president), Jackson Tan and Marjorie Dy.

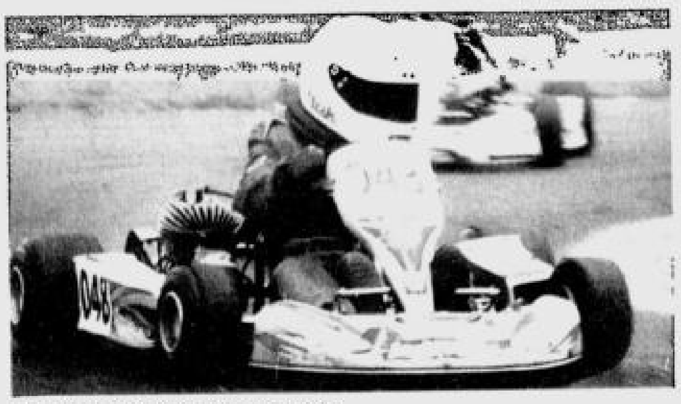
Araneta new Iloilo football boss

ARANETA

THE ILOILO FOOTBALL ASSOCIAtion, a member of the Philippine Football Federation, recently elected Mariano "Nonong" Araneta as its new president. Araneta, a Mr. Football awardee in 1984 and skipper of the National Team from 1981 to 1984, replaced Ramsay Padernilla as the top football executive of the province.

PFF president Johnny Romualdez said: "Araneta was a staunch ally of the sport."

Araneta's involvement in domestic football includes being a member of the Philippine delegation to the Fifa Congress in 1996, 2000, 2002 and 2004; head of delegation, 1999 Pre-Olympic football elimination in Hong Kong and Japan; head of delegation, 1987 Pre-Olympic football elimination in Guangzhou, China; PSA awardee for football, 1984; member, RP team, 1975-1984; team captain, UP team, 1975-1977; member, Executive Council, Phil. Football Federation, 1996-2002; executive vice president, Phil. Football Federation, 1997-2002.



PAZCOGUIN distinct drive to win

Pazcoguin proves karting potential

WINNING THE MINI ROK CROWN in the recent 2006 Asian Karting Open Championship only proved Renz Pazcoguin's potential as one of the country's promising young karters.

The 11-year-old Pazcoguin, a sixth grader at Sun Hwa International Academy, escaped from a tight battle with Jet Racing teammate Franco Reyes to repeat his feat in the Asian Karting Open kickoff at the Shah Alam Circuit in Malaysia a month ago. Pazcoquin wrapped up the 12-lap final race in 9:06.312 or 0.141 of a second ahead of Franco.

Vencer John Suba made it a 1-2-3 finish for Jet Racing as he checked in 3.003 seconds behind Franco.

"It feels great coming off that close battle with Franco," said Pazcoguin, who's backed up by VB Steel and Industriya.com. "And to win the Mini ROK title in the Asian Karting Open makes me even prouder."

"Definitely, Renz has come of age," said Jet Racing head coach Elson Carpio. " He has shown more control and more focus on the race. But what makes him a young champion material is his distinct drive to win."

Pena, Sy 1-2 in Zhuhai AF3

4th ROUND RESULTS

1. Dado Pena Philippines 19:26.400
2. Tyson Sy Philippines 19:26.571
3. Ali Jackson Ireland 19:30.049
4. James Winslow Britain 19:38.696
5. Dillon Battistini Britan 19:40.017

PEÑA (right) and Sy: "We did not figure in an ugly mess that would have taken us out of the race."

GUANGDONG--DADO PENA and Tyson Sy were quickest when it mattered most Saturday, completing a sterling 1-2 finish for the Philippines in the fourth round of the Asian Formula Three Series at the Zhuhai International Circuit here.

They even figured in a wild chase in the final lap of the 12-lap race, exchanging leads with dangerous maneuvers before Pena, of Team Goddard, floored the pedal for one final surge en route to victory in 19 minutes and 26.400 seconds.

It was hardly the outcome expected in the race as Irishman Ali Jackson, who emerged fastest in the battle for pole position earlier in the day, got off to a perfect start and established a big lead over the Filipinos only to be overtaken just as the race neared the checkered flag.

Jackson, who ruled the karting championship in Ireland last year and is using the AF3 circuit as his jumping board to a stint in the European series next year, slowed down with less than three kilometers that he later attributed to electrical trouble.

His first ever win since joining the open division last year was worth 20 points for the 18-year old Pena and improved his total to 42, climbing into a tie for second, from fifth, with Briton James Winslow, who finished fourth in 19:38.696.

Sy, 18, lead driver of Speedtech Asia, settled for 15 and sat atop the driver's standings with 75 points going into the fifth and sixth rounds Sunday.

"When I saw a little opening as I was challenging Tyson, I told myself I'll gonna go for this, but I hope he sees me.' Luckily Tyson did and we did not figure in an ugly mess that would have taken us out of the race," said Pena, whose stint here is backed by PLDT, Mossimo, MOF, Hanjin and Manila Bulletin.

Log on to www.asianf3.net and www.pldtmypad.net for updates.

Jackson, 17, of Aran Racing, who clocked the fastest time of 1:35.902 in qualifying at the 4.3-kilometer Zhuhai Circuit, was relegated to third and picked up 12 points, improving to fifth from seventh.

The 1-2 finish vindicated AF3 Corp. chair Ed Pena, father of Dado, who stuck his head out before the race and predicted Filipino drivers would dominate the opposition here. "We can expect the same in the next two races. The two have really come of age," he said.

Sy, who posted the second best time in qualifying, clocked 19:26.571, just 0.171 seconds behind Pena but was hardly bothered.

"Puwede ko ng isara 'yung late laps but I had to play it safe. I'd rather give space to Dado and assure ourselves that we would finish the race and not do stupid things," said Sy. "Since Thursday, we were struggling with the set-up. At the 10th lap, Dado even made a small mistake but he went faster and I knew I had to give way. At least it was a 1-2 finish for Filipino drivers. Nothing could be better than that."

Britin Dillon Battistini, Winslow's teammate at JA Motorsport, finished fifth (19:40.017), followed by Indons Moreno Soeprapto (19:41.173) and Satrio Hermanto of R&W Indonesia Fastron who topped the promotions class in 19:56.755.

Hi-Speed Hearthrobs lure crowd

THREE YOUNG DRIVERS—ULY Maninding, Matteo Guidicelli and Jeff Borja—are bringing in the crowd to the 2006 San Mig Coffee-Petron Blaze Cup Philippines Touring Car Championship not only because of their good looks but also for their fighting spirit and skills.

Young racing enthusiast, especially ladies, look up to them as their new sports icons, who provide the inspirational drive to live up their dreams.

Following their impressive stint at the Subic International Raceway, they earned the tag "Hi-Speed Hearthrobs."

Stealing the limelight from the veterans in the Group 3 division recently was a big accomplishment for these neophytes in touring cars.

The 21-year-old Maninding already made his mark as a slalom and autocross champion before he entered the touring car scene. Bouncing back from a disappointing stint in the kickoff leg, he posted his major win in Round 3 as he pulled a quick start to wrest the pole from Guidicelli and controlled the tempo from thereon.

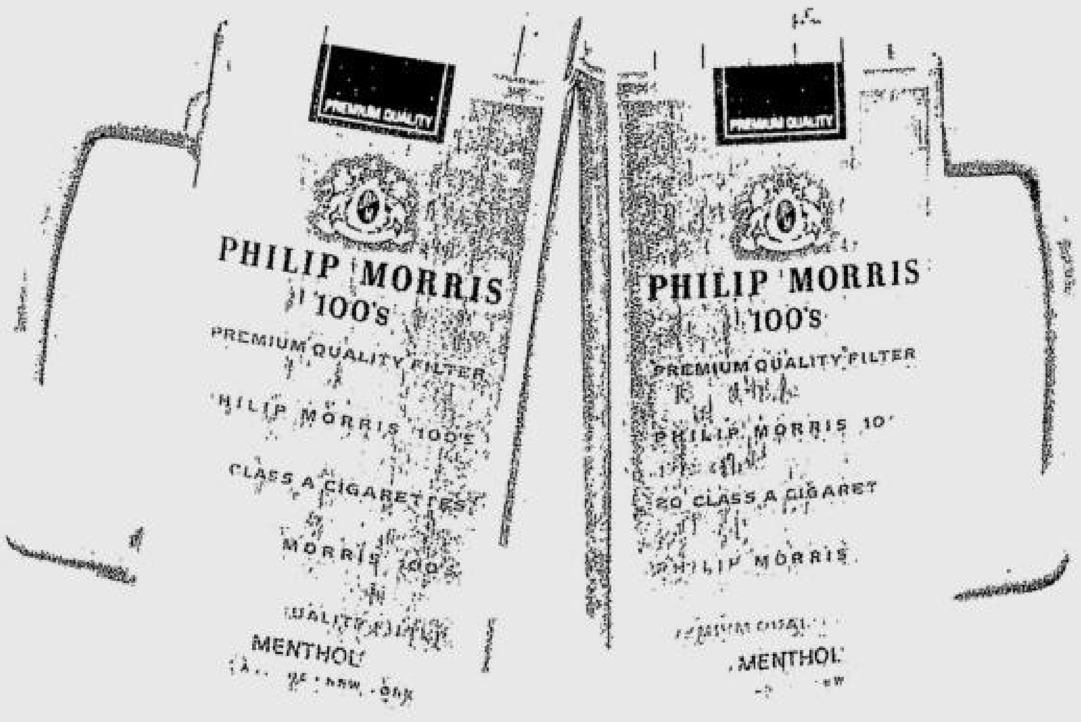
Guidicelli, only 16, rose to fame as the 2004 Karter of The Year. He struggled adjusting from karting to touring cars on his debut, but his perseverance paid him well with a first major win in Round 4 of this event sanctioned by the Automobile Association Philippines.

Borja, a Ford Lynx Cup top driver, struggled with his meager resources but his third place finish in Round 3 proved that talent matters more than a superior car setup.

MATTEO Guidicelli, Uly Maninding and Jeff Borja are attractions on and off the tracks.

Macau ace joins Goddard

LOUMENG CHEONG OF MACAU HAS BEEN tapped to drive for Team Goddard in the Frestech Pan Delta Super Racing Festival-the second leg of the Asian Formula Three Series (AF3), which began yesterday at the Zhuhai International Circuit in China's Guandong Province. Loumeng, who won the 2004 Macau Grand Prix Formula Renault Challenge and has also raced in the British Formula Three Championship, will be filling in the seat left vacant by Asian Karting Champion Michelle Bumgarner, who is campaigning in Europe. Loumeng, entered in the Promotions for cars built in 1998, will drive alongside Dado Peña, who is racing in the International Class.Team Goddard principal Mark Goddard said: "I'm happy to have a driver of his experience and being a local driver he has plenty of support on the race track."



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Argentines make Serbians cry

Ride goal spree into second round; Netherlands gains

ROBIN van Persie of the Netherlands celebrates after scoring his side's opening goal. AP

BERLIN—ARGENTINA AND THE NETHERLANDS MADE THE World Cup's toughest group look easy.

The Argentines routed Serbia-Montenegro, 6-0, Friday in the most dominating display so far at this year's tournament. Rising stars Lionel Messi and Carlos Tevez each made their World Cup debuts and scored late goals.

The Dutch had a harder time against Ivory Coast in the other Group C match and still managed a 2-1 win, sending both Argentina and themselves into the second round. Both are expected to go far this year despite getting the difficult draw.

"This is a very good group," Argentina midfielder Esteban Cambiasso said. "The team is solid, and we have a lot of confidence. It couldn't have gone better."

Germany, England and Ecuador had already qualified for the knockout stage.

Later Friday, Angola held favored Mexico to a 0-0 draw in Hanover in Group D.

Argentina has won the World Cup twice, with Diego Maradona leading the way in 1986. The former striker was cheering in the stands.

Maxi Rodriguez scored two goals in the first half and Cambiasso added a third. Hernan Crespo made it 4-0 in the 78th before Tevez and Messi finished off the scoring.

"This was an incredible performance," Rodriguez said.

Seventeen players on the 23-man team played for Jose Pekerman when he coached his country to world youth titles in 1995, '97 and 2001. Now he has them on the World Cup squad.

Cambiasso, who entered in the 17th minute for the injured Luis Gonzalez, scored the classic goal as Argentina held possession with a string of two dozen passes. At the finish, Saviola found Cambiasso, who passed to Crespo, who backheeled the ball for Cambiasso's left-footed finish.

Ruud van Nistelrooy and Robin van Persie scored a goal each in Stuttgart for the Dutch, a two-time finalist looking for a first title.

Van Persie made a run from the right and was floored on the edge of the area by Kolo Toure in the 23rd minute. He then lined up a free kick that clattered into the upper right corner before goalkeeper Jean-Jacques Tizie could get a hand up.

The Dutch finished off their opponents with a six-pass move from defense four minutes later. In the end, Arjen Robben sent Van Nistelrooy through to score.

Late in the match, Van Persie chested a ball off the line in a goalmouth scramble.

"We pinned them down far back," Van Nistelrooy said. "It was what won the match."

Ivory Coast forward Bakary Kone used his speed to score with a sharp-angled drive past Netherlands goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar. *AP*

- **FIFA WORLD CUP ON SPORTSPLUS**

12 a.m.—Netherlands vs. Cote d'Ivoire (replay tomorrow @ 4 p.m.)

3 a.m.—Argentina vs. Serbia & Montenegro

1 p.m.—Mexico vs. Angola

THE SCOURGE of Serbia and Montenegro: Argentine players who contributed to the 6-0 rout in their World Cup match (clockwise, from left to right): Maxi Rodriguez, Esteban Cambiasso, Rodriguez, who scored two goals, Carlos Tevez, Hernan Crespo, and Lionel Messi. AFP

Robben, Robin: Dutch wings

FREIBURG, GERMANY—IT'S THE Robben and Robin show on the Dutch wings. And it's largely why the Netherlands is in the second round of the World Cup.

Chelsea's Arjen Robben roams the left flank and Arsenal's Robin van Persie takes care of the right to dumbfound defenders. In between, a third Premier League star is lurking—Manchester United's Ruud van Nistelrooy.

In the World Cup's toughest group, the Netherlands has already advanced with a game to spare because of victory over Serbia-Montenegro and Friday's 2-1 win over Ivory Coast. And both wingers have a goal and an assist to show for it. They go for the Group C No. 1 spot against Argentina on Wednesday.

"At times, we played great. Excellent combination play, and we can be rightly proud that we have reached the second round," Van Persie said.

Not only did he create the foul that set up his blistering freekick goal for the opener, Van Persie never neglected defense and even chested a ball off his own goalline. In reality, that was as important as the goal he scored.

His standout performance came in the wake of his criticism after the first win that play should be going more his way. If some saw it as attention grabbing, the results were evident on Friday. The Dutch attack was much more balanced, allowing Van Persie to shine but not at the cost of Robben.

Dutch great Johan Cruyff came out in praise of 22-year-old Van Persie.

"He was the best and not only because of his goal, but also because of the way he defended," said Cruyff.

Robben and Van Persie have those qualities all great wingers of the past have had.

They have a deft touch on the ball, great dribbling to get past a defender and searing acceleration to rush into the center.

Dutch coach Marco van Basten could be proud of the system he wrought. From the start of his coaching career, he wanted a good, old-fashioned 4-3-3, system, recognizable to all players.

With Robben and Van Persie close to the sidelines, it pulls opposing defenses to the outward extremes and creates room in the middle for a power forward like Van Nistelrooy to thrive.

Little wonder the vital assist for Van Nistelrooy's game winner came from Robben, another 22-year old on Van Basten's young squad. *AP*

Illam batters earn World Series ticket

INTERNATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE Association of Manila (Illam) flaunted its might in an abbreviated 10-0 blanking of Agana of Guam yesterday, ruling the Asia-Pacific Little League Championship and gaining a seat to the World Series 11-12 years old division at the Rosario Sports Complex in Pasig City.

There was no stopping the Illam swatters from claiming their first title win in the division via a sweep of the two teams' best-of-three series from the time losing pitcher Juliana Santos walked seven of the first eight Filipina batters she met at the bottom of the first inning.

Five of the Filipinas Santos boarded on freebies crossed the plate that accounted for all the Illam runs in the period, with the exception of second base girl Ma. Isabel Trinidad, who came up with a single to left.

The Filipinas finished off the visitors three frames later with a four-run binge on the strength of a two-run single each by catcher Laura Lehman and shortstop Jasmine Singh, daughter of UP assistant coach Raja Singh.

Mavericks regroup to battle Heat wave

MIAMI—TRY TO PICTURE THIS: DIRK Nowitzki, wearing sandals, headphones and slathered from head-to-toe in suntan lotion, strolling along a tropical beach whistling along to his favorite David Hasselhoff tune.

Some sight, huh?

Well, that's the way Dallas coach Avery Johnson sees his Mavericks at this point, tied with the Miami Heat at 2-2 in the NBA finals.

"We're on vacation right now," a playful-yet-stern Johnson said. "We've got a vacation mentality, so I'm going to fix that."

He'd better do something fast, and Johnson will have to make plans for Sunday's Game 5 without forward Jerry Stackhouse, who was suspended on Friday for one game without pay for his flagrant foul on Shaquille O'Neal in Game 4.

During much of their short stay in hazy and humid South Florida, the Mavericks have looked like tourists—lost ones.

Once barely six minutes from taking a 3-0 lead, Dallas is now in danger of falling behind in a series it seemed to own. Unable to stop or slow Miami guard Dwyane Wade, the Mavericks have allowed the Heat to pull even in this best-of-seven series, now on hold until Sunday.

MIAMI coach Pat Riley has the Heat eyeing the lead in the Finals series. AP

After Game 2, the Mavericks departed Texas brimming with confidence following another easy win in their inaugural visit to the finals. Dallas officials even had the audacity to plan the championship parade, going so far as to announce the route through the downtown city streets.

That party's been put on hold.

As if blowing a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter of Game 3 wasn't bad enough, the Mavericks bottomed out late Thursday. Down by 11 entering the fourth, they scored just seven points—the fewest in a quarter in finals history—on 2-for-18 (11 percent) shooting.

"We're very disappointed with the way we've played," Johnson said during a lively 30-minute interview session that at times seemed to be aimed directly at his sluggish squad. "We've been distracted."

On Friday, the Mavericks changed hotels, moving from Miami to Fort Lauderdale, a 45-minute trip.

For Dallas to reverse its sudden slide, Nowitzki needs to find his jump shot following a 2-for-14 performance. It would be nice if Josh Howard, too, could find his range after a 1-for-8 night.

And now the Mavericks will have to play without Stackhouse, their versatile sixth man, penalized by the NBA for "making unnecessary and excessive contact" with O'Neal, who was sent sprawling to the floor by Stackhouse's head-high forearm shiver.

Losing Stackhouse will be damaging, though not devastating to the Mavericks, whose bench is among the league's deepest. Stackhouse, however, gives Dallas an intensity that Johnson feels has been missing for two games. *AP*

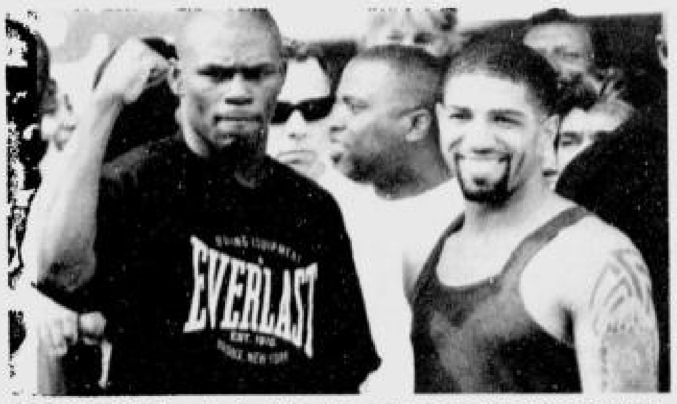
Taylor-Wright bout up

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE—JERMAIN Taylor hasn't fought enough or been around long enough to be considered one of boxing's greats. That would come only through the years, and after some big fights against the best of his era.

Talk to some of those around Taylor, though, and there's a quiet belief that the equally quiet middleweight champion could be on the cusp of a great career.

Taylor has been plenty tough so far, winning all 25 of his fights and upsetting Bernard Hopkins to become the undisputed 160-pound (72-kilogram) champion. He's knocked out 17 fighters, and beat Hopkins in a rematch to prove the first fight was no fluke.

Things don't get any easier for Taylor, though, when he meets No. 1 contender Winky Wright in a classic matchup of puncher versus boxer on Saturday with the middleweight title at stake. *AP*



ODDSMAKERS are finding it tough to call the bout between Jermain Taylor (left) and Winky Wright. AFP

Bonds hits 718th home run; Williams powers Yankees

SEATTLE—BARRY BONDS HIT HIS 718TH home run Friday night, a second-inning line drive off 20-year-old Felix Hernandez in the San Francisco Giants' game against the Seattle Mariners.

The laser-like shot landed about a dozen rows into the bleachers beyond right field, where a scramble for the souvenir ensued.

The San Francisco slugger homered in his previous at-bat, in the ninth inning Wednesday at Arizona. He sat out Thursday's series finale at the Diamondbacks to rest.

Bonds is 37 home runs behind Hank Aaron's major league record.

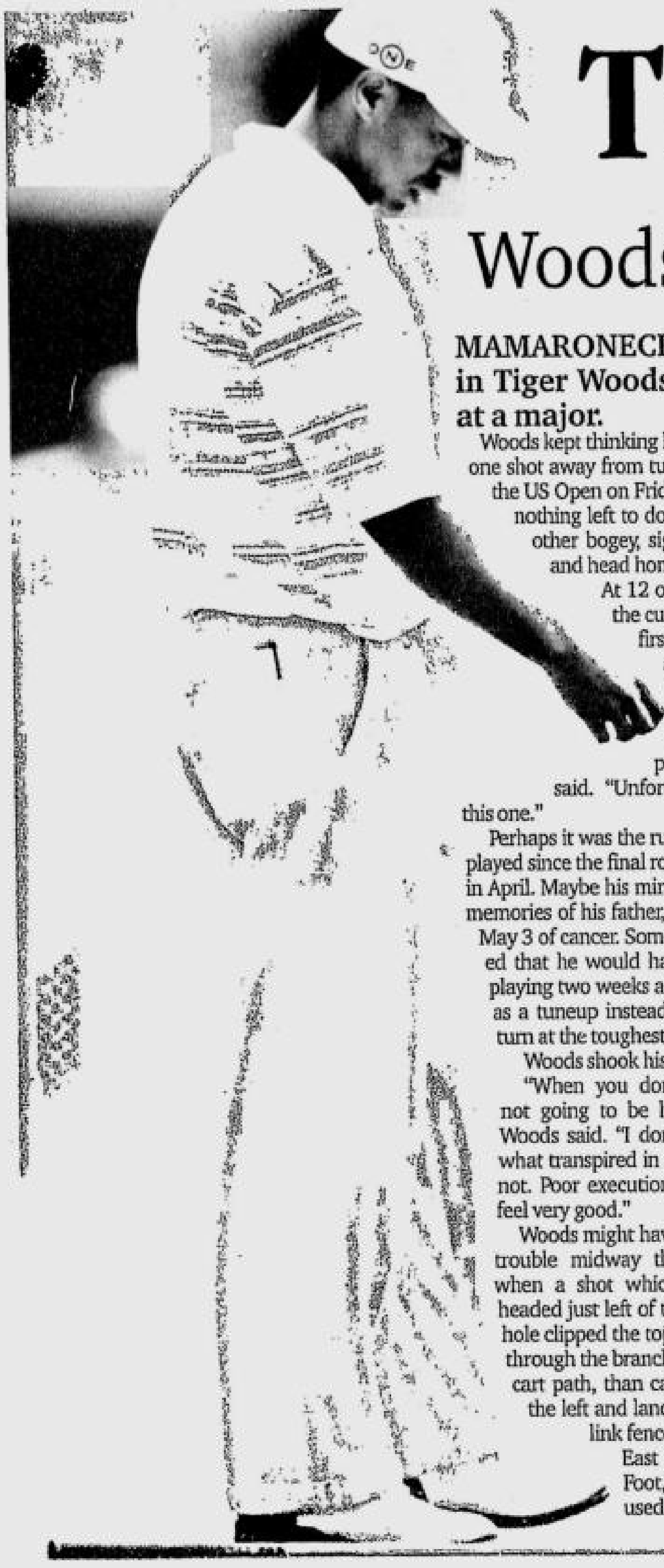
Bonds fouled off a fastball from Hernandez to even the count at 1-1. He quickly turned on the next pitch, another fastball that Hernandez tried to get on the inside corner. Bonds then dropped his bat at his feet as if it was hot and strutted his back leg to his front before beginning his familiar home run trot.

Hernandez became the 424th pitcher Bonds has homered against, an ongoing major league record. It was Bonds' second career home run at Safeco Field. His first came July 12, 2001, off Paul Abbott.

In Washington, Bernie Williams hit a solo home run in the ninth to put the New York Yankees ahead and hold on to beat the Nationals, 7-5.

The Yankees came back from deficits of 3-2 and 5-3, tying the game with two runs in the eighth, and adding two more in the ninth off Nationals closer Chad Cordero (2-2). Williams hit the first pitch from Cordero for his sixth homer of the season, and Johnny Damon later added a sacrifice fly for the final margin. *AP*

BONDS: Still at it. AP



TIGER Woods heads back home after missing his first Major cut. REUTERS

Tiger's major letdown

Woods misses US Open cut; Stricker grabs lead

MAMARONECK, NEW YORK—THE LONGEST LAYOFF in Tiger Woods' career ended with his shortest week at a major.

Woods kept thinking he was one putt or one shot away from turning it around in the US Open on Friday until there was nothing left to do but tap in for another bogey, sign for another 76 and head home.

At 12 over par, he missed the cut in a major for the first time in 10 years as a professional.

"It's not something you want to have happened," Woods said. "Unfortunately, I missed this one."

Perhaps it was the rust from not having played since the final round of the Masters in April. Maybe his mind was cluttered by memories of his father, Earl, who died on May 3 of cancer. Someone even suggested that he would have been better off playing two weeks ago in the Memorial as a tuneup instead of making his return at the toughest test in golf.

Woods shook his head each time.

"When you don't execute, you're not going to be happy either way," Woods said. "I don't care if you had what transpired in my life of recent or not. Poor execution is never going to feel very good."

Woods might have known he was in trouble midway through his round, when a shot which appeared to be headed just left of the flag on the 16th hole clipped the top of a tree. It rattled through the branches and landed on a cart path, than caromed 20 yards to the left and landed against a chain-link fence in a bunker on the East Course at Winged Foot, which isn't being used this week.

He dropped into caked mud in the trap, had no option but to pitch into the bunker short of the flag and made double bogey.

The other message came late in his round.

Woods was playing his best golf from the worst lies to salvage pars, and he was at 10 over par when he stepped onto the sixth green to size up a 60-foot putt. He looked at the scoreboard behind the green to see Steve Stricker had finished his round with a birdie on the final hole for a 69 and a 36-hole score of 1-under 139.

The US Open has a rule that anyone within 10 shots of the lead makes the cut.

The gallery groaned when the score was posted, knowing that Woods was 11 shots out of the lead. Instead of making up ground, he went backward. First came a bogey from the rough on No. 8, and then a sloppy bogey on the ninth, his final hole.

Stricker fashioned one of the five sub-par rounds yielded by the 6,264-yard, par-70 Winged Foot West course, posting a one-under 69 for a one-under total of 139 and a one-shot lead over Scotland's Colin Montgomerie.

Montgomerie's was the quintessential US Open round, with just one bogey and 17 hard-won pars.

"This was a grinding round today and I was glad to hold on," Montgomerie said.

Australian Geoff Ogilvy and US Open newcomer Kenneth Ferrie of England both posted even-par 70s to share third on one-over 141.

Jim Furyk the 2003 US Open winner, was the only former champion in the top 10. He carded a 72 for 142, sharing fifth place with Padraig Harrington, who shot a 69.

Phil Mickelson, who lifted the last two major titles at the 2005 PGA Championship and the Masters in April, kept himself in the hunt with a three-over 73 for 143 and a share of seventh place, tied with Ulsterman Graeme McDowell (72), Jason Dufner (71) and Arron Oberholser, who fired a two-under 68. *AP, AFP*

STEVE Stricker blasts out of a sand trap on the fifth hole. REUTERS

The Iceman cometh back?

MAMARONECK, NEW YORK—IT'S been five years since David Duval cradled the claret jug at the British Open. It's been seven since he was the best player in the world.

So much has changed in that time. So much seemed the same on Friday.

Duval made four birdies in the second round of the US Open to post his best round in a major since 2001. He not only made the cut in a major for the first time in four years, but played himself into contention as well.

Duval's 68 was tied for the lowest score of the second round—on a day so brutal that only five broke par at Winged Foot.

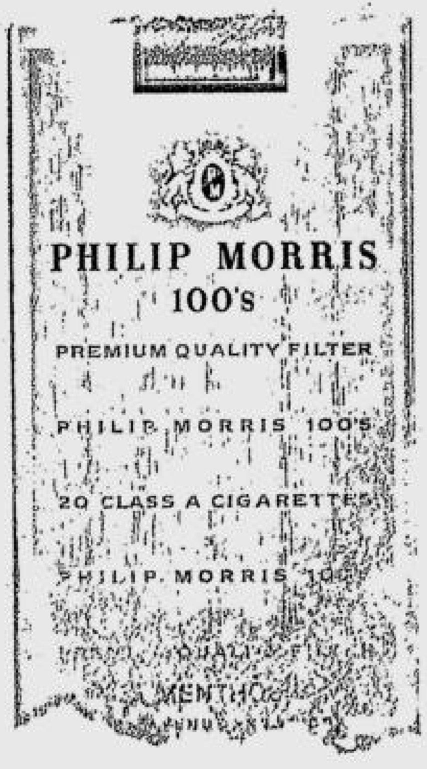
Duval, who passed Woods for the No. 1 ranking after his win at The Players Championship back in 1999, heads into the weekend at 5-over, in a tie for 14th place, six strokes behind Steve Stricker.

"I guess that's the difference between you and me," he said when asked about finally contending. "I don't think that way. I'm not thinking along those lines, whether I've done it recently or not."

Indeed, those who pay attention only to his scores, not his swing, certainly would have been surprised by this surge. Duval, however, has been talking about improving his play for a while.

Since the golf world was last paying attention, Duval hired and fired four swing coaches before reuniting last year with university coach Puggy Blackmon. He's starting to feel more comfortable. So, too, with the injuries—back, wrist, both shoulders—that sunk him before.

Remember the Iceman? The guy with the black shirt and the wraparound shades who wouldn't let anyone in? Duval looks the same, but he's kinder and gentler now, easier to cheer for, something that became apparent as he made his way around Winged Foot. *AP*



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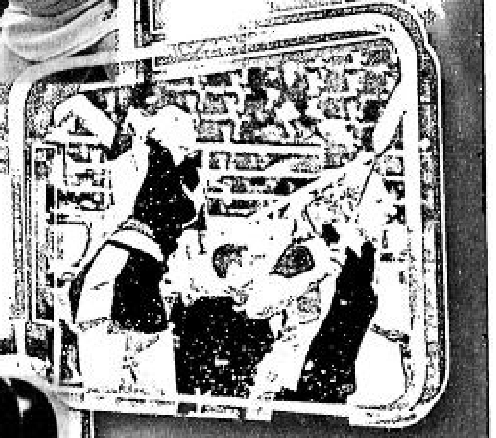

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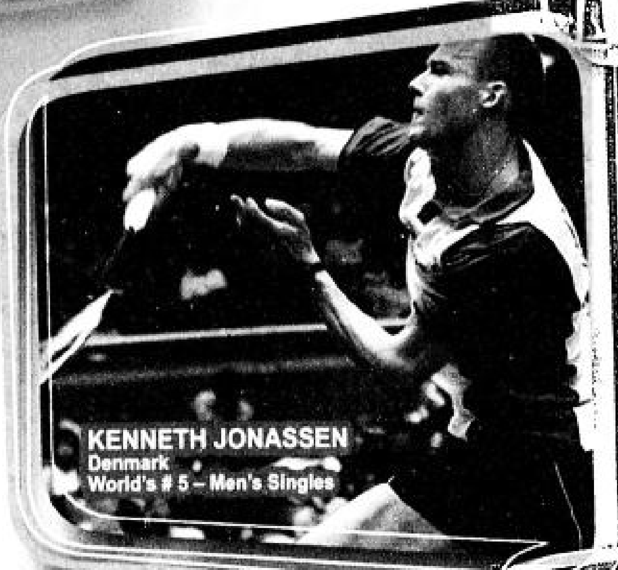

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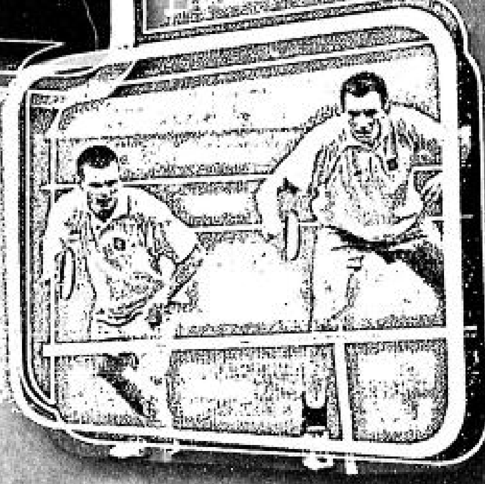

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JUDAY and Ryan: "Kasal" the movie is just "coincidental."

Solemn wedding for Juday & Ryan

A 'commercialized' event is out of the question, they say

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

THESE PAST FEW WEEKS, actress Judy Ann "Juday" Santos has had to fend off all sorts of rumors concerning her forthcoming nuptials with TV host Ryan Agoncillo.

Gossip no. 1: She commissioned couturier Paul Cabral to design her wedding gown.

Gossip no. 2: Her mom Carol broke the news to reporters that she and Ryan were contemplating a 2007 altar date.

Adding fuel to the fire, Juday and Ryan are teaming up on the big screen for the first time, in Jose Javier Reyes' "Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo," Star Cinema's entry in this December's Metro Manila Film Festival.

Is the movie a preview of things to come? Juday laughed heartily when Inquirer Entertainment posed the question.

"*Parang* premonition? Should people expect something? It's just coincidental," she said on the set of "Kasal," which had its first shooting day on Wednesday.

Tall order

Confronted with the scuttlebutt, Juday merely shrugged: "I haven't seen Paul Cabral [since] December. I was very embarrassed that his name got dragged into this. He's a very busy person and he doesn't have time for petty intrigues like this. Maybe I should just be thankful that a lot of people are planning our wedding for us this early. It seems we don't have to worry about anything."

Unlike most celebrity brides, Juday is eyeing a "simple, intimate wedding."

She acknowledged that this sounds like a tall order, considering her superstar status.

She insisted: "I'm not being selfish and [nor do I just] want to deprive our fans of the chance to watch our wedding. I just honestly want it to be solemn."

What about a TV special?

"I don't know," she quipped. "As of now, we're not thinking about it. If you ask us, we want it to be private. We don't want it to look like one of the network's shows. Our wish is that it wouldn't be commercialized."

Ryan, for his part, said that they're playing it cool. Also from the set of "Kasal," Ryan told Inquirer, "We laugh about it. We take things in stride. There's no tension. We don't want to rush things just because people say we look good together."

Real, fun

He described their relationship as "young and real." He said, "We want to take it one step at a time. We still have a lot of things to share and discover."

Talk about fun: Juday, in disguise and upon the instigation of Ryan, who is hosting "Philippine Idol," auditioned for the ABC 5 talent search before judges Pilita Corrales, Ryan Cayabyab and Francis Magalona.

According to a witness: "Wearing hat and shades, Juday playfully performed Francis' rap anthem 'Mga Kababayan.'"

It was Francis who first caught on.

Talk about caring: Juday whips up South Beach diet dishes for Ryan. "She brought Grilled Chicken Lettuce Wraps to the set of [his ABS-CBN soap opera] 'Bituing Walang Ningning' yesterday," Ryan recounted.

"I love cooking for him," Juday enthused.

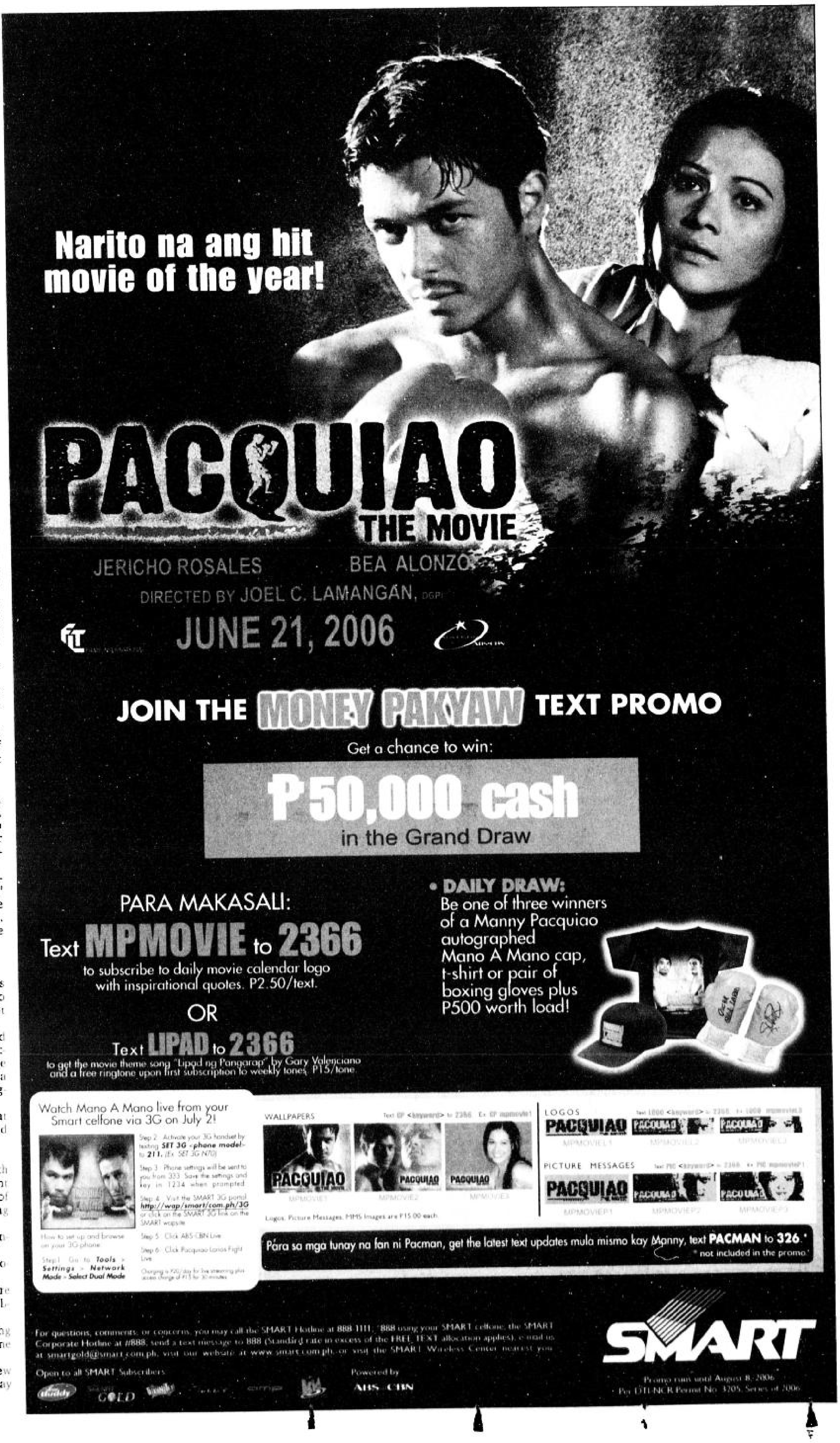
Is this a preparation for impending domesticity?

Juday giggled. She insisted that they're too preoccupied with show biz work to obsess about nuptial matters.

Apart from "Kasal," ABS-CBN is cooking up a new TV show for the pair. A Valentine movie is also in the works.

"We don't know yet whether the new show will be a soap or a sitcom," Juday said. "Details are still being ironed out."

Just like the trip to the altar?



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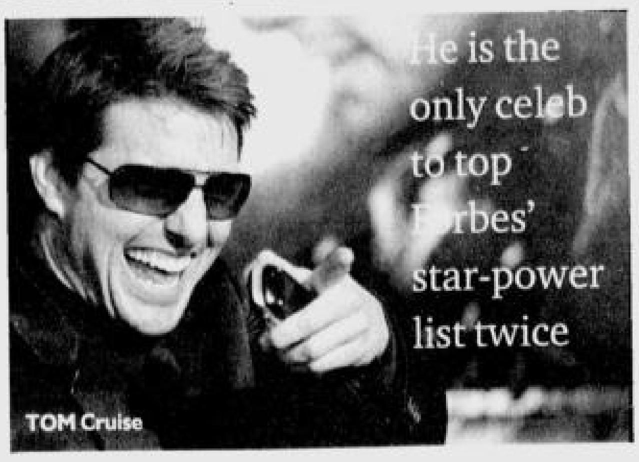


He is the only celeb to top Forbes' star-power list twice

TOM Cruise

World's No. 1 star: Tom Cruise

But highest paid last year was Steven Spielberg

LOS ANGELES—NEVER MIND the couch-jumping and the depression-dismissing. Tom Cruise is the world's No. 1 star, according to Forbes' annual "Celebrity 100 Power List," which ranks famous folks based on earnings and buzz.

The less-than-scientific ranking tracks the highest-paid stars from the worlds of television, film, music, and sports, said editor Lea Goldman—with this year's rankings including a particularly strong showing by British stars.

"It's what kind of currency the star's name have," Goldman said. "It's increasingly important how they are perceived both in industry circles and commercial circles, and this list represents who has cachet in both arenas."

U2

Cruise is the only celebrity to top the list twice, she said. He was also No. 1 in 2001.

"He's one of the few guaranteed bankable stars," Goldman said. "No one in Hollywood can negotiate the kind of salary he gets."

With an estimated income of $67 million last year, Cruise was not the top money-earner, but his couch-hopping antics on "Oprah," his dismissive comments about Brooke Shields' postpartum depression, and whirlwind romance with Katie Holmes made him one of the most talked-about stars of the year. He ranked 10th on last year's list.

British score

The British scored high, with the Rolling Stones coming in second; "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling in 19th place; and Paul McCartney and Elton John at 14th and 16th respectively.

"American Idol" big shot Simon Cowell joining the list as No. 29; David Beckham fell from 26th to 43rd; and Kate Moss clocked in at 77th.

Ireland's U2 came in at No. 4.

Oprah No. 3

Perennial Forbes-list favorite, talk show host Oprah Winfrey, who claimed the No. 1 spot last year, dropped to No. 3 in the latest rankings. The $225 million she pulled in, according to Forbes, should ease the pain.

Winfrey's windfall pales next to Steven Spielberg's take of $332 million. The director-producer was the year's highest-paid celebrity. He ranks sixth on Forbes' list.

Satellite radio star and self-proclaimed "king of all media," Howard Stern, was the second highest-paid celebrity, with $302 million. He placed seventh on the list, up 20 spots from last year.

Tiger Woods, who pulled in $90 million in earnings, ranked fifth, besting fellow golfer Phil Mickelson, who placed 18th.

Fluctuation

Rapper 50 Cent never made Forbes' list before but this year he captured eighth place thanks to his top-selling ringtones, G-Unit clothing line and record sales of more than $20 million. No other rapper made the list.

"There's a lot of fluctuation," Goldman said. "It has to do with what (celebrities) are doing and how much they're getting paid for it."

The cast of "The Sopranos," which earned a total of $52 million for their seventh season, placed ninth. Author Dan Brown, whose mega-bestseller "The Da Vinci Code" sold a staggering 61 million copies and inspired the year's most anticipated and controversial film, rounded out the top 10.

Curious tie

Brad Pitt, who ranked 11th last year, dropped to 20th place, despite his high-profile relationship and resulting offspring with Angelina Jolie.

Jolie, not surprisingly, made the list, too, tying for 35th place—with Pitt's ex, Jennifer Aniston.

Mel Gibson, who topped the list in 2004 and ranked third last year, didn't make it this time. Neither did Madonna, who ranked eighth last year.

Lance Armstrong, Will Ferrell, Julia Roberts and Lindsay Lohan all placed prominently last year but dropped off the latest list.

New to the "Celebrity 100": pop psychologist Phil McGraw (22), actor Kiefer Sutherland (68) and ubiquitous American TV and radio personality Ryan Seacrest (88).

Nothing in Hollywood is complete without Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie. Hilton was No. 56 and Richie No. 95.— *Sandy Cohen, AP*

ROLLING Stones

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

More Filipinos are now watching the news, execs say

CHARIE Villa, Luchi Cruz-Valdez and Maria Ressa

Kapamilya revamps late-night newscast

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

AS PART of ABS-CBN'S ONgoing program revamp, its late-night newscast is set to undergo a major overhaul.

The "reprogramming" or "re-gridding," reported by Inquirer Entertainment on May 28, finally starts on July 3.

For a start, the late-night news show "Insider" has been retitled "Bandila."

Apart from the title change, the program will be reformatted.

Original "Insider" anchor Ces Drilon will be joined by fellow senior correspondents Henry Omaga Diaz, "Weekend Patrol" anchor; and Korina Sanchez, former "TV Patrol" anchor.

"This marks Korina's return to nightly news after nearly two years," said Maria Ressa, senior vice president and head of News and Current Affairs.

Luchi Cruz-Valdez, head of Current Affairs, said the title, which translates to "flag," alludes to the term "banner story," or top news of the day.

"Bandila" also refers to the tri-color—literally. Ressa explained: "Three colors, three stars, three anchors."

Charie Villa, head of Newsgathering, said Drilon, Diaz and Sanchez were "three of the network's 'most experienced reporters-anchors."

Objective

Ressa said the goal for "Bandila" was to make it "agenda-setting."

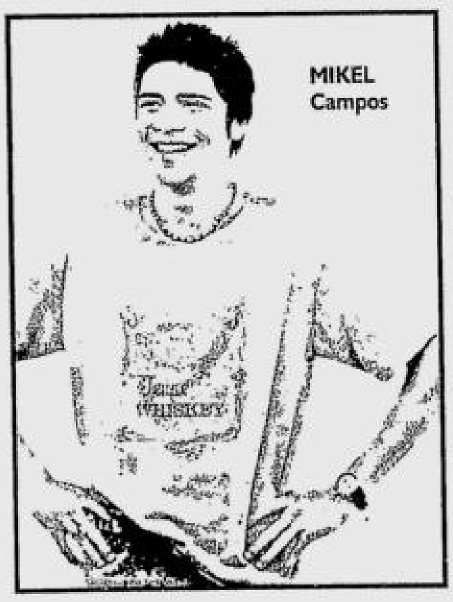
"We first tried it on 'TV Patrol World,' with Ted Failon, Julius Babao and Karen Davila," Villa recalled.

The new program will run for 30 minutes.

"It will be followed by a Current Affairs show," said Valdez. "That's an hour and a half of N&CA every night."

"While the newscast delivers information," Ressa said, "the Current Affairs programs provide analysis. We are bucking worldwide trends because more Filipinos are watching the news now. There are a number of factors behind this: the volatility and uncertainty in political/economic life; weakness of institutions; the OFW phenomenon. Crime stories are popular because of the peace and order situation. Filipinos want to know more about world events because nearly eight million of our relatives and friends are working abroad."

The reformatting of the late-night newscast is only the tip of the iceberg, hinted Maloli K. Espinosa, vice president for Government, Corporate Affairs and PR. "There will be bigger changes in the next few weeks."



MIKEL Campos

VALERIE Garcia

Let's go ... to the movies

By Paul Daza

REVIEW

LIKE the (reportedly) soon-to-be axed variety gag show "Gudtaym," ABS-CBN's new Saturday afternoon youth comedy "Let's Go" betrays its network's continuing struggle in creating innovative comedy programs.

"Let's Go" is a situational comedy with two objectives: provide a bunch of teen star wannabes a venue to grow and hone their comedic talents; and show televiewers how colorful and hilarious life is in a co-ed college dorm.

Barely passing

In its sophomore episode two Saturdays ago, "Let's Go" bordered between failing heroically and barely passing. The storyline and jokes were run-of-the-mill. A nerdy *probinsiyana* wearing a pair of big ugly eyeglasses is miraculously turned into a bar-hopping party girl when she removes her specs and tries a new shampoo. Slightly more original is a straight guy's attempts to retrieve a bracelet given to him by a gay admirer. And though the show tries to capture the tone of teen flicks like "Mean Girls" and "Sixteen Candles," no lines are particularly memorable or quotable. By being a pale comparison to youth movies like these, "Let's Go" might just prompt young people everywhere to say, "Let's go ... to The Movies!"

The show's creators, however, should be commended for at least trying to innovate one aspect of the sitcom format. Instead of the repetitive, tiresome giggles we've heard for decades on local sitcom laugh tracks, "Let's Go" has recorded variations on these guffaws. These include a hefty "Whoa!" from an unseen studio audience when something shocking or surprising happens, and a boisterous "Uuyy!" when something *nakakakilig* transpires.

But when the scenes that prompt these reactions aren't that funny, shocking, or *nakakakilig* to begin with, the audio sweetening intrudes instead of enhances. The "Whoa!" was employed whenever a trio of dormers saw the gay Dennis character in a tight embrace with another guy. It was funny ... the first time.

The "Uuuy," on the other hand, was heard when a female introduced herself to her male crush. You wonder, though, if the sound effects are there to enhance an already good scene, or to simply fill holes in the acting. If it weren't for the "Uuuy," we may not have even realized that a character had special feelings for another. Aren't the people who work on the soundtrack confident enough with the performances of their cast? Do they have to ensure that the audience knows that this girl is attracted to that boy?

The show's telegenic teens include newbies Cathy Gonzaga, Badjie Mortiz, Valerie Garcia, Joem Bascon, Charee Pineda, Timmy Boy Sta. Maria, Eda Kristy Cabilan and Janelle Quintana. There are also more recognizable actors like Mikel Campos and Smokey Manaloto (who plays a teacher, not a student) in the dorm. Problem is, these guys and gals are saddled playing stereotypes and clichéd caricatures who aren't any more substantial than the ones you read about in Archie comics.

Shape up

If they are to be honed as this generation's new batch of teen stars, they should be given more challenging story lines to act out, especially since there's so much competition out there from the winners and runners-up of all those reality talent searches. If "Let's Go" doesn't become funnier anytime soon, it's unlikely that these kids will be around next semester.

$62.8-M weekend for 'Cars'

LOS ANGELES— THE ANIMATED COMEDY "Cars" raced to first place at last weekend's box office with a $62.8 million debut, maintaining the Disney-Pixar cartoon brand's undefeated record with a seventh straight hit.

It was the third-best opening in the Disney-Pixar cartoon series, just ahead of "Monsters, Inc." but behind "The Incredibles" and "Finding Nemo," which both debuted at about $70 million.

Still, it was the first time since the partnership began with 1995's "Toy Story" that a Disney-Pixar film did not gross more than its predecessor over opening weekend.

"I look at $62 million as being an accomplishment of great proportion," said Chuck Viane, Disney's head of distribution. "To use the baseball analogy, a home run is a home run. This is a home run."

'Omen' on No. 4

The movie features the voices of Owen Wilson and Paul Newman in a story of a hotshot race car that gets a lesson on the value of slowing down when he's sidetracked in a sleepy burgh.

The weekend's other new wide release, 20th Century Fox's horror remake "The Omen," was No. 4. It stars Julia Stiles and Liev Schreiber in the tale of a demon child.

In narrower release, Robert Altman's "A Prairie Home Companion" premiered solidly at No. 7 with $4.7 million. Playing in 760 cinemas, the film averaged $6,147 a theater, compared to $15,759 in 3,985 theaters for "Cars" and $5,674 in 2,723 cinemas for "The Omen."

The previous weekend's top movie, Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn's "The Break-Up," slipped to second place.

"X-Men: The Last Stand," from 20th Century Fox, became the year's first movie to top $200 million domestically. The superhero saga was No. 3 with $15.55 million, lifting its three-week total to $201.7 million.

Close behind "X-Men" is Sony's "The Da Vinci Code."

Estimated ticket sales at US and Canadian theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations, official trackers.

1) "Cars," $62.8M; 2) "The Break-Up," $20.5M; 3) "X-Men: The Last Stand," $15.55M: 4) "The Omen," $15.45M; 5) "Over the Hedge," $10.301M; 6) "The Da Vinci Code," $10.3M; 7) "A Prairie Home Companion," $4.7M; 8) "Mission: Impossible III," $3M; 9) "RV," $2M; 10) "Poseidon," $1.8M. *AP*

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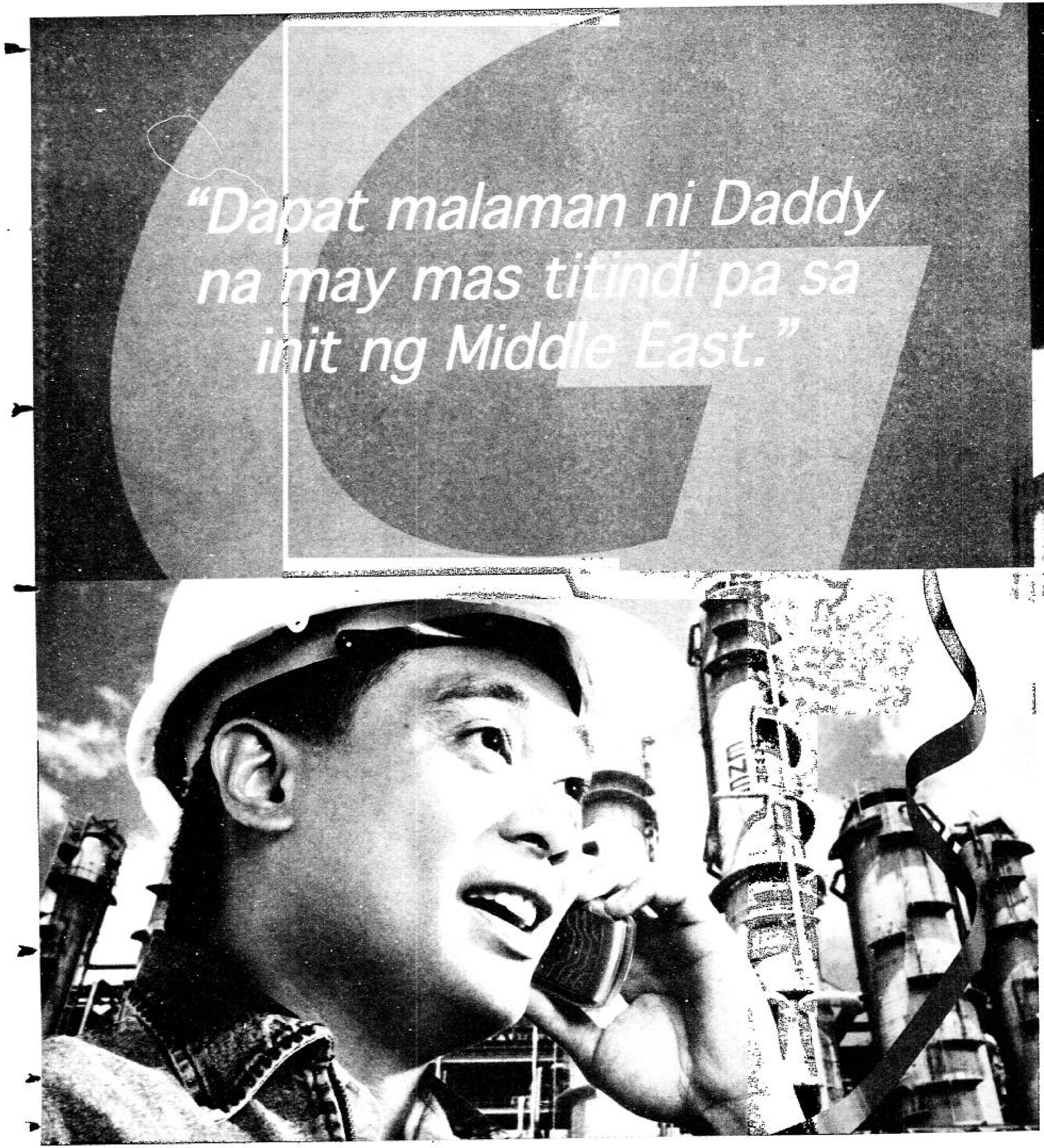
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FRANCIS Magalona, Pilita Corrales and Ryan Cayabyab during the first round of auditions RODEL ROTONI

'Idol' producers made RP their last stop, says Pilita

By Marinel R. Cruz

PILITA CORRALES says the producers of "Pop Idol" made the Philippines their "last stop" because "they knew they were going to have a difficult time here."

Pilita is one of the judges of the country's version of the reality talent search that originated in England in 2001 (and whose most popular version is the wildly popular "American Idol"). The two other juges are master composer Ryan Cayabyab and singer-TV host Francis Magalona.

"That's what the judges are experiencing now. It's really tough to say no to so many talented youths," Pilita told INQUIRER Entertainment. "In 'Philippine idol,' we're not looking for just any singer—there are other contests for that. What we're looking for is a singer with a plus and plus."

The first phase of the auditions that began on June 8 at the PICC in Pasay City yielded 240 contestants from Luzon.

Screenings

Another 25 are expected to be picked from the Mindanao auditions on June 23 at the Waterfront Insular Hotel in Davao City. Still another 25 will come from the Visayas region via the auditions in Cebu City on July 4.

ABC 5 acquired the "Idol" franchise from the UK-based Fremantle Media. The "Idol" franchise is now in 35 countries.

"Freemantle has had Indonesian, Singaporean and Malaysian Idol shows, but their

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ABC 5: We want to learn from the best

By Marinel R. Cruz

"WE [DO NOT THINK OF OURselves] so big that it gets in the way of learning from the best in the world, especially a phenomenon like 'Idol.'"

INTALAN

BAILEY

ABC 5 Creative and Entertainment Production head Perci Intalan was reacting to a statement by Wilma Galvante, GMA 7 senior vice president for Entertainment TV, that came out in Inquirer Entertainment last week.

Galvante said GMA 7 had opted for homegrown talent search shows at a time when foreign franchises were battling for local viewership. She said the network didn't need "to get other people's ideas.

On June 16, Intalan sent ABC 5's reaction to Inquirer via e-mail. "There are various ways of reading into [GMA 7's] statement," he said. "Of course it is always good to believe in Filipino creativity and originality. ABC 5, [which has produced] shows like 'Tropang Trumpo' and 'Eezy Dancing,' [knows] this well. The point of franchising a show like 'Idol' is that we get to understand how other countries do [it]—what works, what doesn't."

According to Galvante, GMA 7's homegrown shows made their own rules, unlike foreign franchise that came with a production "bible" that local producers were required to follow.

"[In] ABC's relationship with Fremantle Media, there is mutual respect and trust," Intalan explained. "When ABC teamed up [with its media partners] and the idea of conducting fast-track screenings came up, Fremantle gave us their blessing, though it wasn't in their [manual]."

He added: "This is how the entertainment industry grows and improves upon itself. Inspiration for new programs can come from various sources."

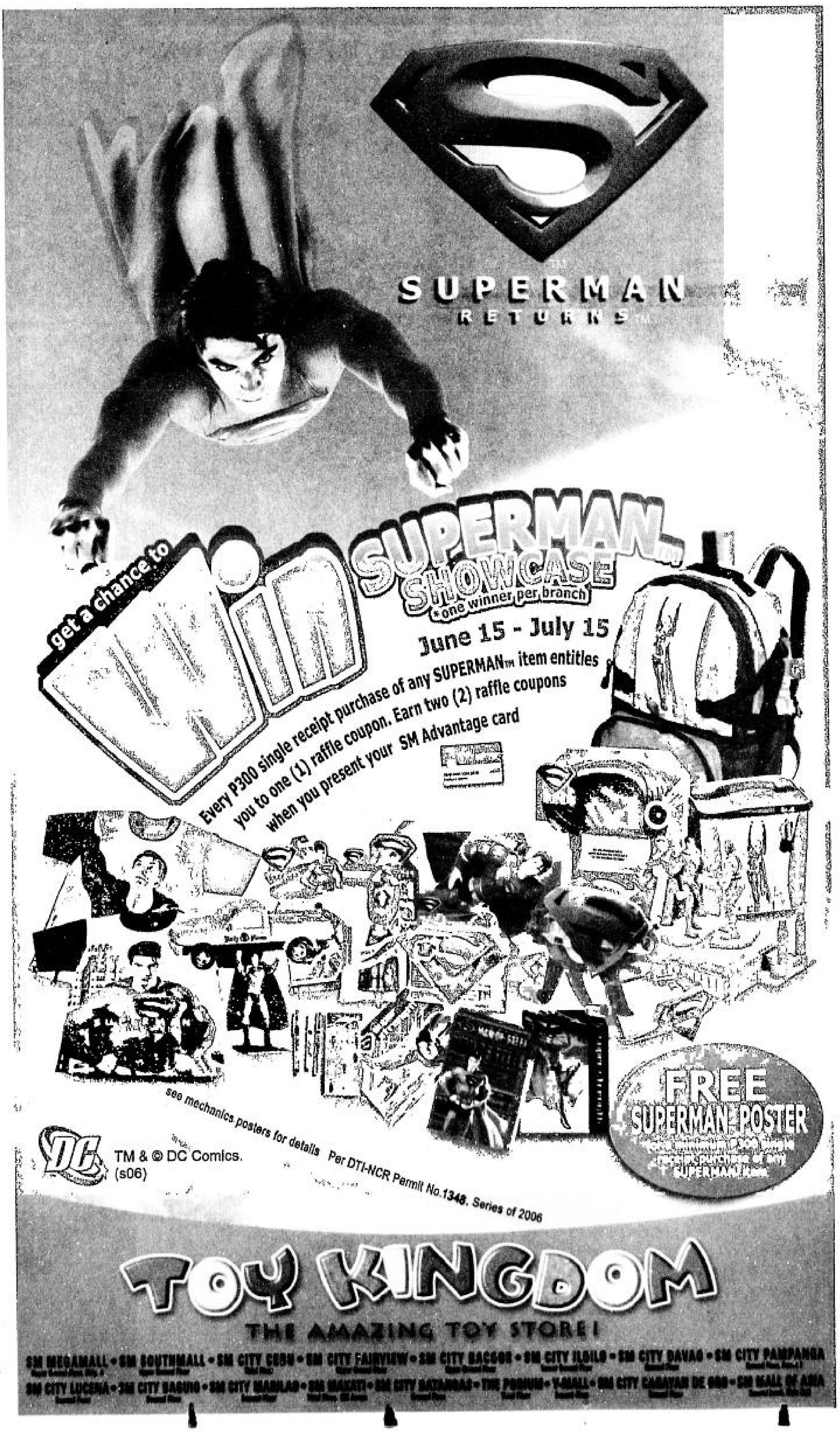
In another statement, ABC 5 said: "ABS-CBN seems a bit worried with the success of 'Idol,' [so it] cooked up a new show" to go against it.

The statement said ABS-CBN's move to air "Pinoy Dream Academy," which has the same format as "Idol," in the same time slot is a sign of its "propensity to imitate successful shows in other stations."

The statement quoted Fremantle Media Supervising Producer Sheldon Bailey as saying: "'Dream Academy' is just 'Big Brother' with music. It started off as 'Star Academy' but it got pulled out, I think, after two series. 'Idol' has a stronger format. In fact, when you look at 'Star Academy's' original show, the one in Dutch, it is very different from what they see now because it actually has taken so many elements from 'Idol.'"

"'Philippine Idol' is not the only show that ABS-CBN is targeting to slay," the statement said. "The network has launched a copycat show of ABC's 'Shall We Dance?.'"

ABS-CBN recently launched "U Can Dance," a dance show hosted by Iya Villania and Derek Ramsey.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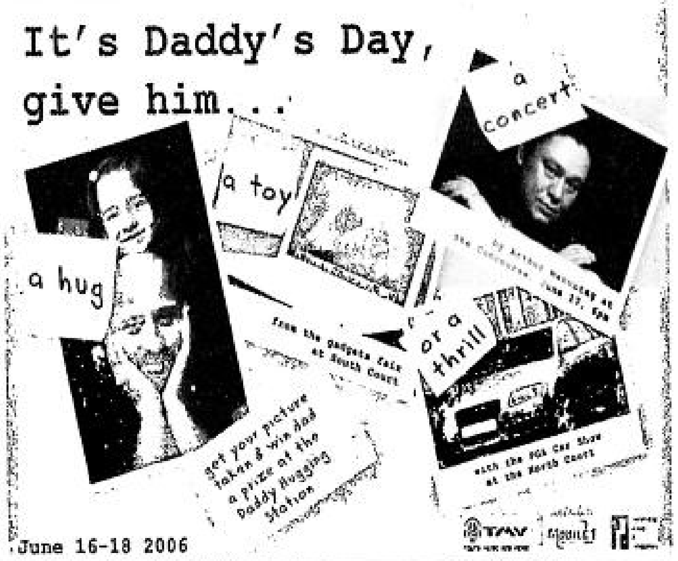
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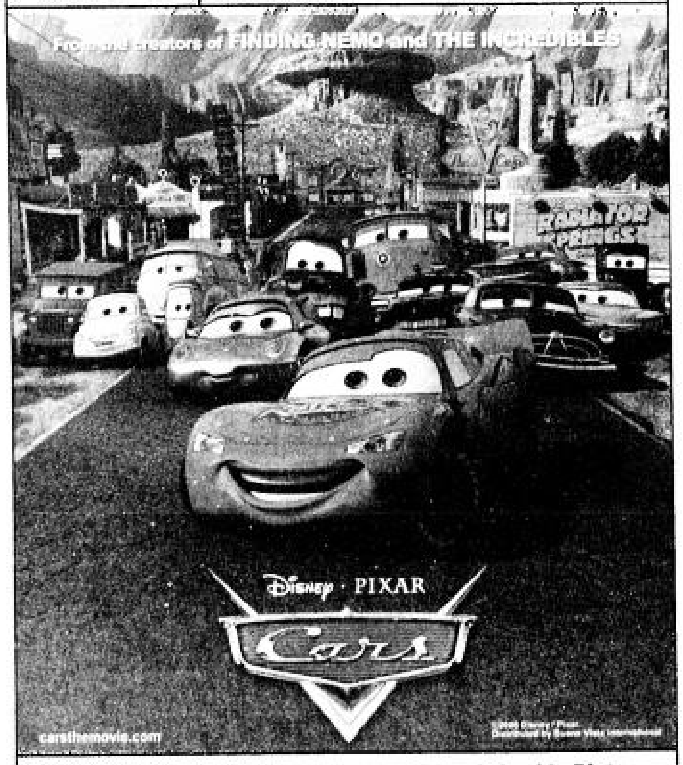

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expectations with the show here is really high. They know how much talent we have here," explained Pilita.

The most difficult part of being a judge, she said, was being firm before applicants who beg, cry and drop to their knees when rejected.

"If we could only say yes to everybody," she sighed. "But the applicants are told, 'You have only one chance [to sing]. Make sure it's the right song.' I know it's nerve-wracking for them. But usually, after hearing the first four or five lines of the song, we already know whether the applicant will make the grade or not."

According to ABC 5 Creative and Entertainment Production head Perci Intalan, the three judges will eventually whittle down to 100 the number of contestants. Of these only 24—12 girls and 12 boys—will then be chosen as semi-finalists during the theater elimination at the CCP Main Theater in August.

Registration desk

Intalan said a special registration desk will be put up in SM Davao for fast-track screenings. He added that his team is currently discussing with Big Foot Entertainment, a Hollywood production company based in Cebu, the possible use of a portion of the 8,200-sq. m. facility for the auditions there.

"I guess it's also because this is the search for the first 'Philippine Idol' that so many want to join," Pilita said. "Even professional singers and recording artists have turned up; they're not embarrassed. But not much has come out of this, so far. We don't even have a final date for the start of the show."

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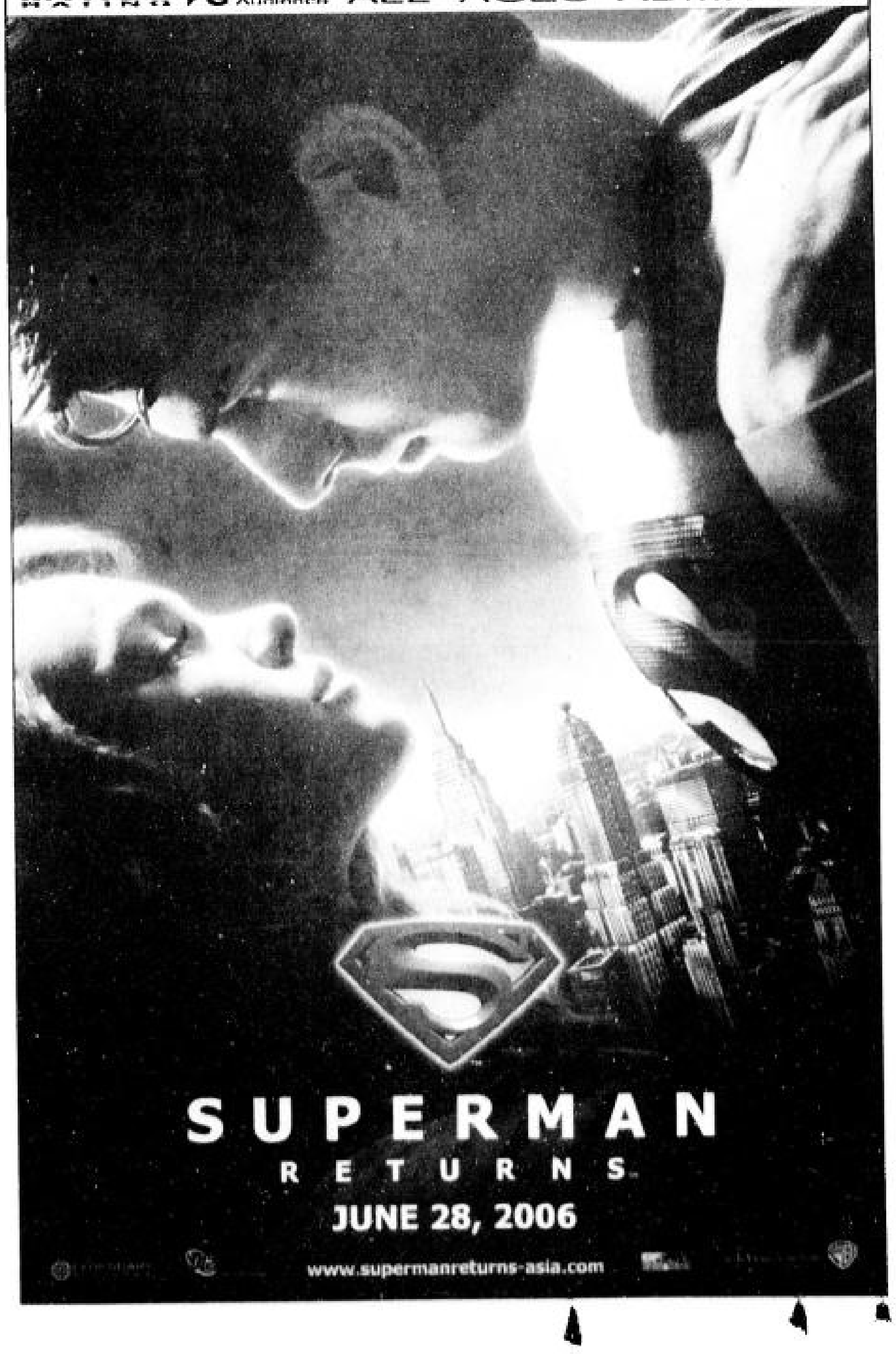

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From 'Cleopatra' to 'Mr. and Mrs. Smith'

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

AFTER OUR RECENT PIECE ON JENnifer **Aniston,** here are additional inputs on the Jennifer-Brad-Angelina imbroglio: It can be compared to a similar major Hollywood scandal in the '60s, when the marriage of **Elizabeth Taylor** and **Eddie Fisher** was rocked and then sundered after Taylor fell head over heels in love with **Richard Burton** as they were filming "Cleopatra."

Flashforward 40 years, and pretty much the same thing happened on the set of "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," when **Brad Pitt** flipped over co-star **Angelina Jolie**, and then left his wife, Aniston, in the lurch.

So, Angelina is the new Liz Taylor? Well, she's certainly lovely and idiosyncratic enough to fit the bill. And Brad is every bit as hunky as Burton, albeit in an all-American way.

But, Jennifer as the new Eddie Fisher? There's really a weird disconnect there! But that's the way it is with xerox-ed show biz triangles—they're identical, only up to a point!

What will happen to the protagonists in today's "triangular" real-life show biz drama? Brad and Angelina are now parents of their lovely child, Jennifer is being linked to her "Break-up" co-star, **Vince Vaughn** —but, will things stay the way they are?

If past experience serves, not likely. Liz and Richard got married, divorced, got married again, split up once more, and Liz went on to marry other men before she got fed up with saying "I do" for the nth time!

So Brangelina, enjoy it while it lasts, but forever—is another day.

Short film finalists

TEN out of 108 entries were recently selected as finalists in the 2006 Cinemalaya festival's short film competition. The winner will be announced on July 23 and will receive a grant of P100,000.

The 10 finalists are "Gee-gee at Waterina" by **Dennis Teodosio** and **M. Tanangco**, "No Passport Needed" by **Jeanne Lim**, "10:35 ng Gabi" by **Reggie Gulle**, "Kwarto" by **Jore Emmanuel Taylo**, "Labada" by **Raz dela Torre**, "Orasyon" by **Rommel Tolentino**, "Parang Pelikula" by **Hubert Tibi**, "Putot" by **Jeck Cogama**, "Puwang" by **Ana Isabella Matutina**, and "Sa Silaw" by **Reinzi Balao.**

Cinemalaya 2006 is set from July 17 to 23 at the CCP.

Tit for tat

NOW that "The Da Vinci Code" has had its say on the big screen, "Secrets of the Code" offers a speedy rebuttal starting June 21. In addition, some TV documentaries taking a contrary stand to the film have joined the fray, as has the book, "The Da Vinci Hoax," which exposes the movie's errors.

Another interesting development related to "The Da Vinci Code" film: It was given a "For General Patronage" rating in China, but it has since been pulled off the movie screens in that country.

The reason isn't censorship, but economics: Apparently, the film did such good business there that Chinese movies' box office suffered. And that, of course, would never do...

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BRAD Pitt and Angelina Jolie

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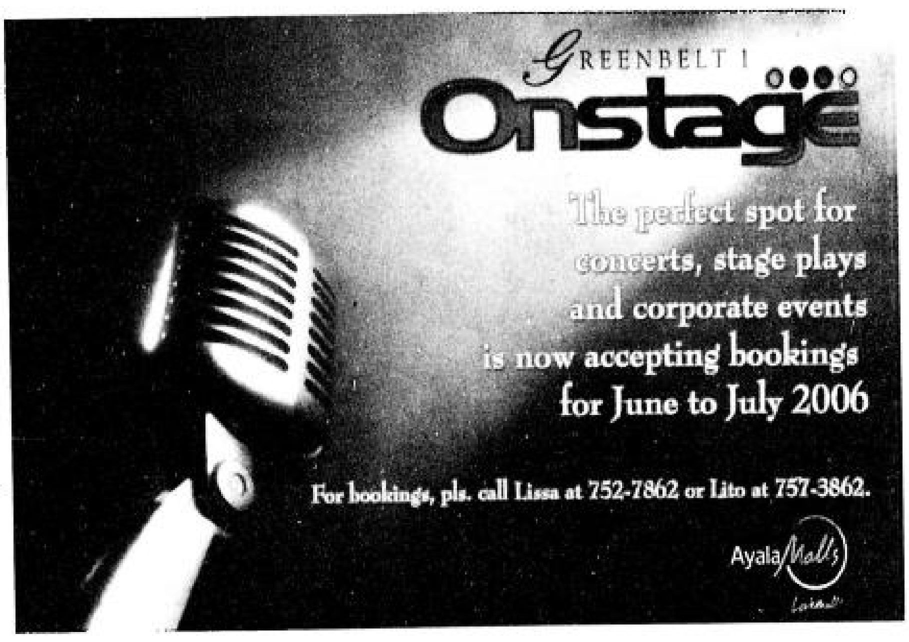

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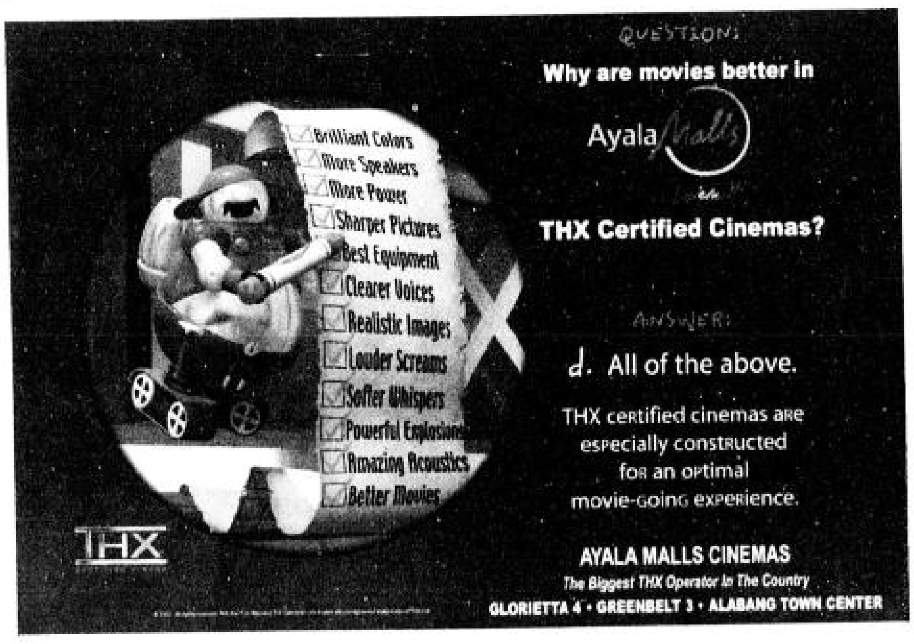

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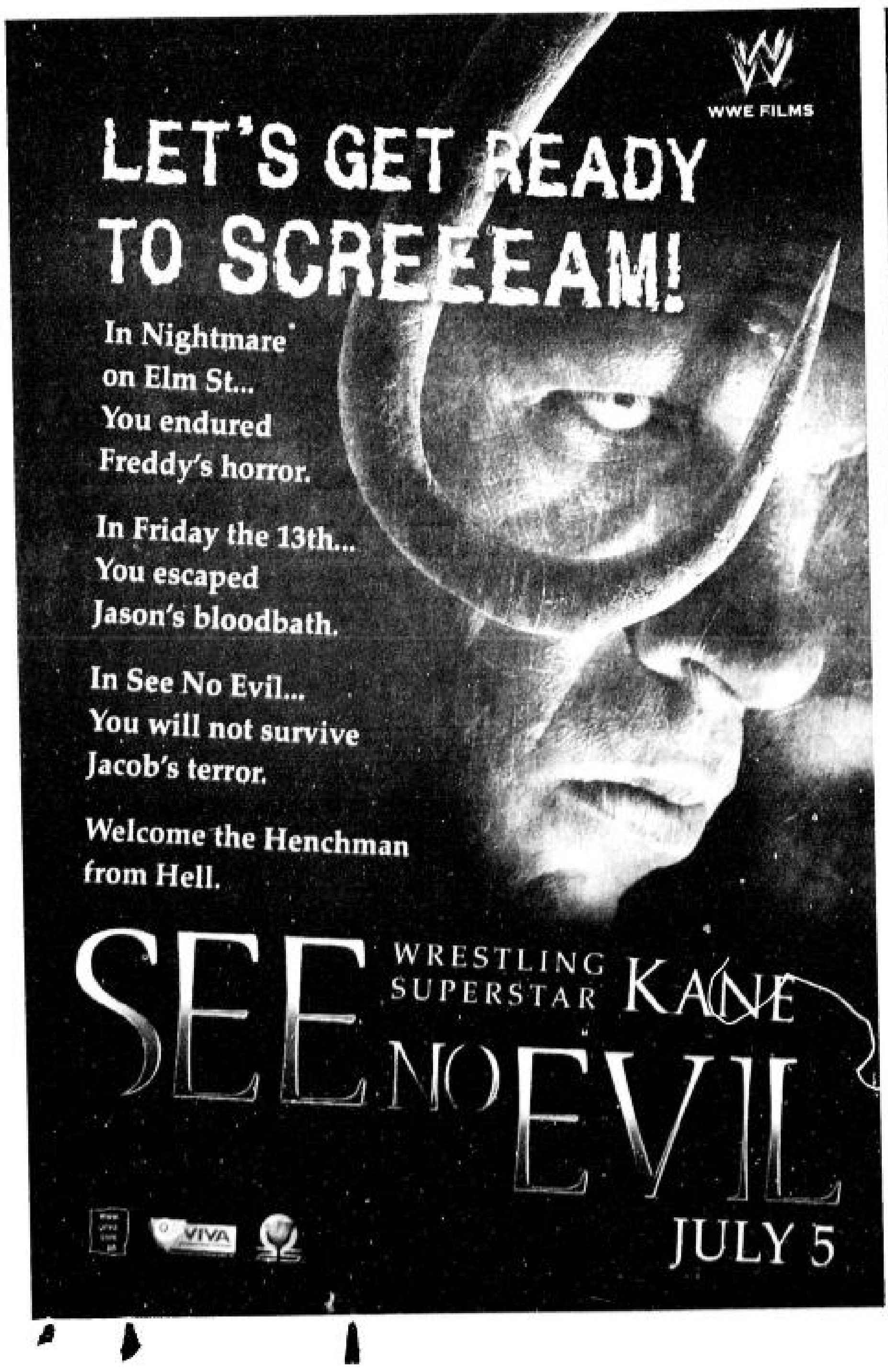

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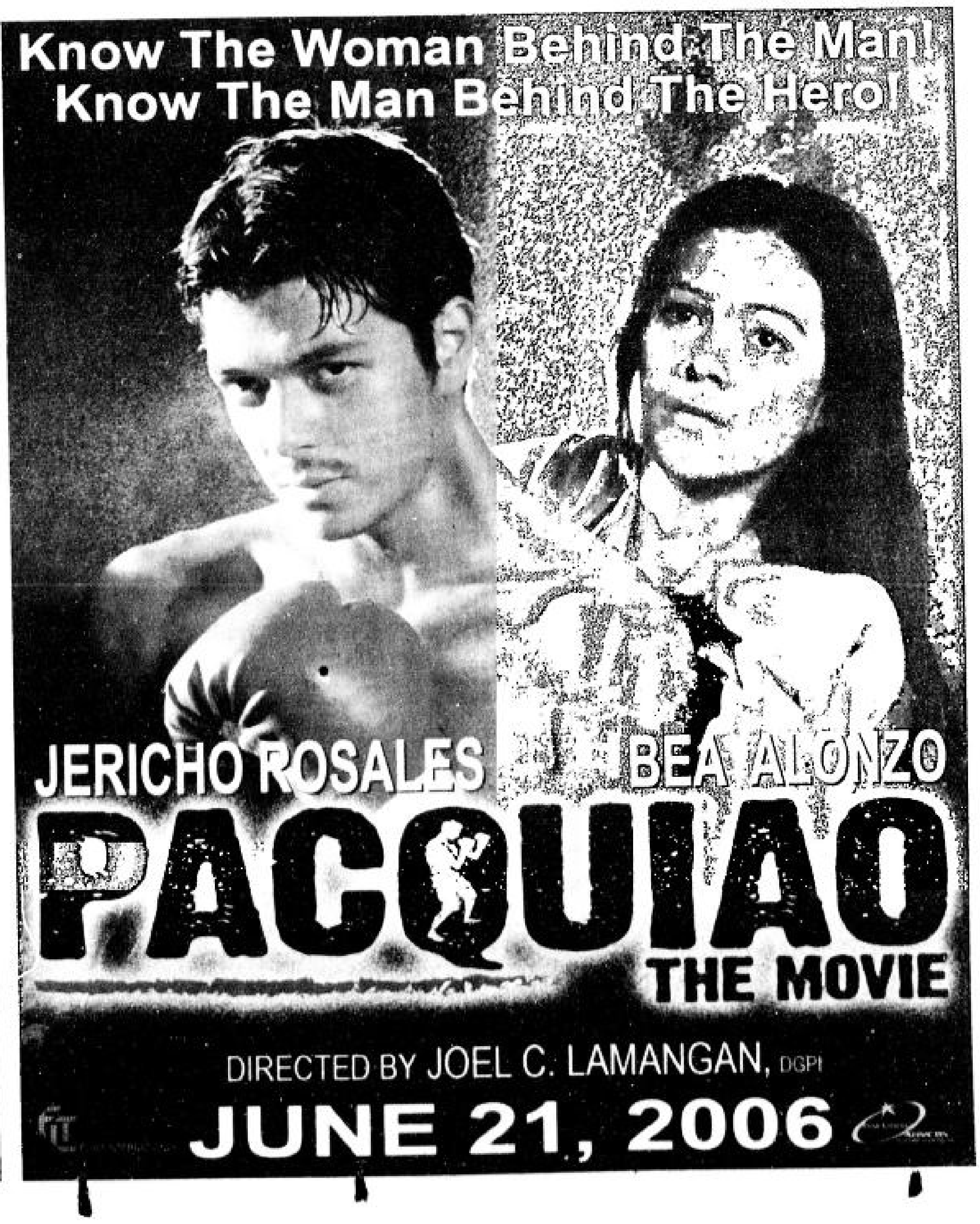

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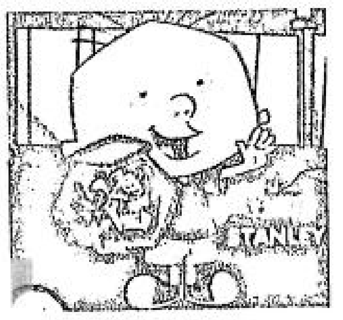

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"Stanley" at 11:30 a.m. follows the little boy who learns a lot from interacting with animals. With the help of hummingbirds and koalas, he solves little problems that children his age encounter.

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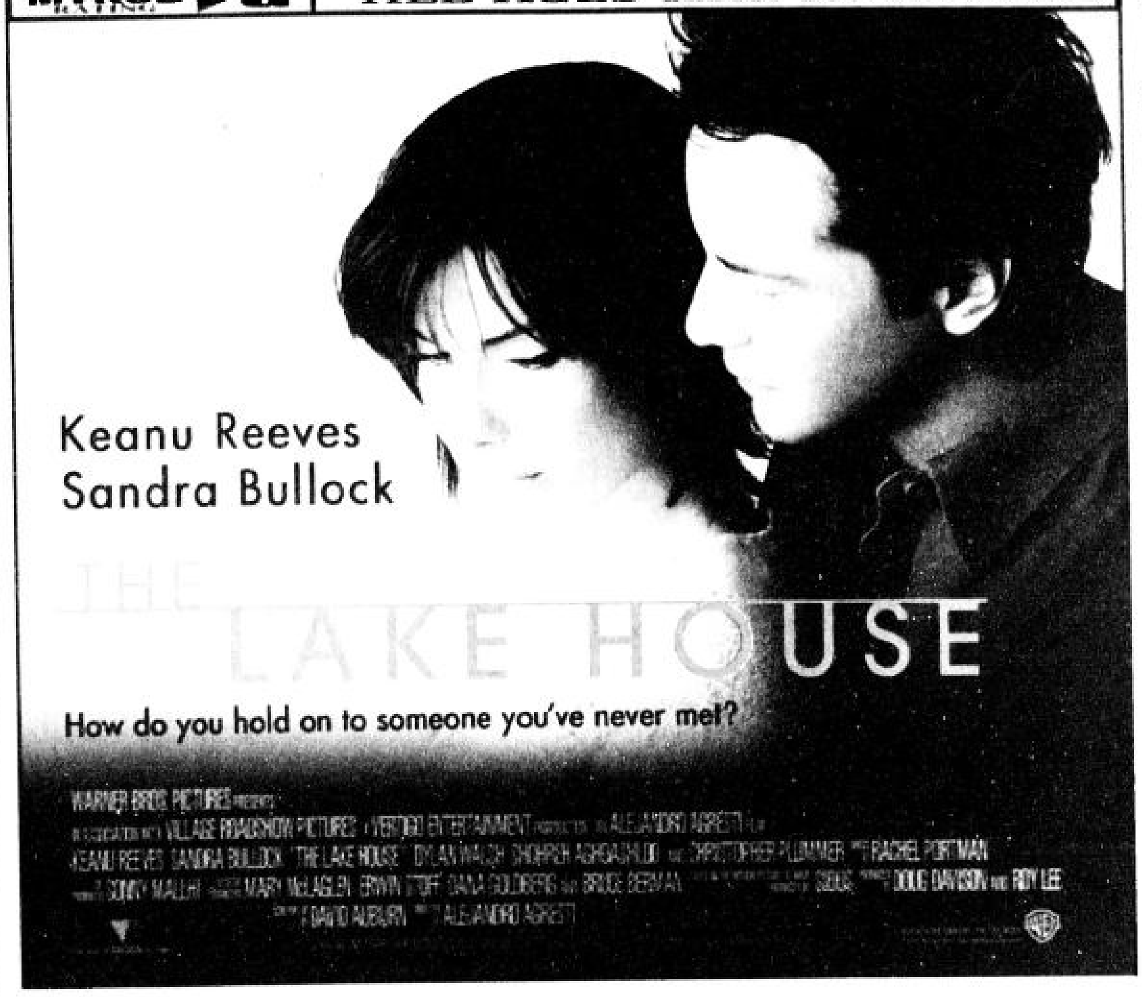

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'Awit' 2006 belonged to Bamboo

The band clinched five awards, including Album of the Year

BAMBOO: "Light, Peace, Love ... Hallelujah!" JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

By Nini Valera

THIS YEAR'S AWIT AWARDS belonged to Bamboo. The band carted away five of the major awards—Ballad of the Year for "Much Has Been Said," Best Performance by a Group Recording Artist for "Hallelujah," Album of the Year for "Light, Peace, Love," Song of the Year for "Hallelujah," and Best Rock Song, also for "Hallelujah."

The Awit Awards are given out by the Philippine Association of the Record Industry.

Bamboo beat "Parokya ni Edgar" for the Album of the Year, honors. Parokya, the quirky cross-dressing band was also nominated for Best Novelty Song for "Mang Jose," which likewise put them in the running for Best Music Video; and Best-Selling Album of the Year, for "Halina sa Parokya."

Parokya did not win any of the awards.

Gary's ninth

Gary Valenciano romped off with his ninth Best Performance by a Male Recording Artist Award at the 19th Awit Awards on Thursday at the Casino Filipino Amphitheater in Parañaque.

Gary was nominated in the category for three songs—"Break Me," "Ikaw Lamang," and "Lipad ng Pangarap."

He won for "Break Me," a song he wrote for the late record producer Bella Tan under Universal Records.

Gary told INQUIRER Entertainment on Friday that he did not expect to win the award.

"I thought that being nominated for three songs in this category would lessen my chances of winning," he said. "I wasn't expecting to win. I thought, okay, it's good if I get it. But when my name was called, I didn't know how to react. I didn't know what to say."

Gary let out a loud "Yes!" when he went to accept the award.

The singer, who has been a fixture in the local pop scene for the last 23 years, beat Jed Madela, last year's runaway winner in the World Championship of Performing Arts held in Burbank, California. Gary also won over Martin Nievera, with whom he dominated the music scene in the '80s.

Jed was nominated for his song "Forever Blue" and Martin Nievera, for "Hanggang Langit."

Barbie vs Regine

For Ballad of the Year, Gary was the only solo act nominated. Bamboo's "Much Has Been Said" tied for the win with Hale's "The Day You Said Goodbye." Hale had a second nomination in the category for "Kung Wala Ka," and Rivermaya for "You'll Be Safe Here."

Best Performance by a Female Recording

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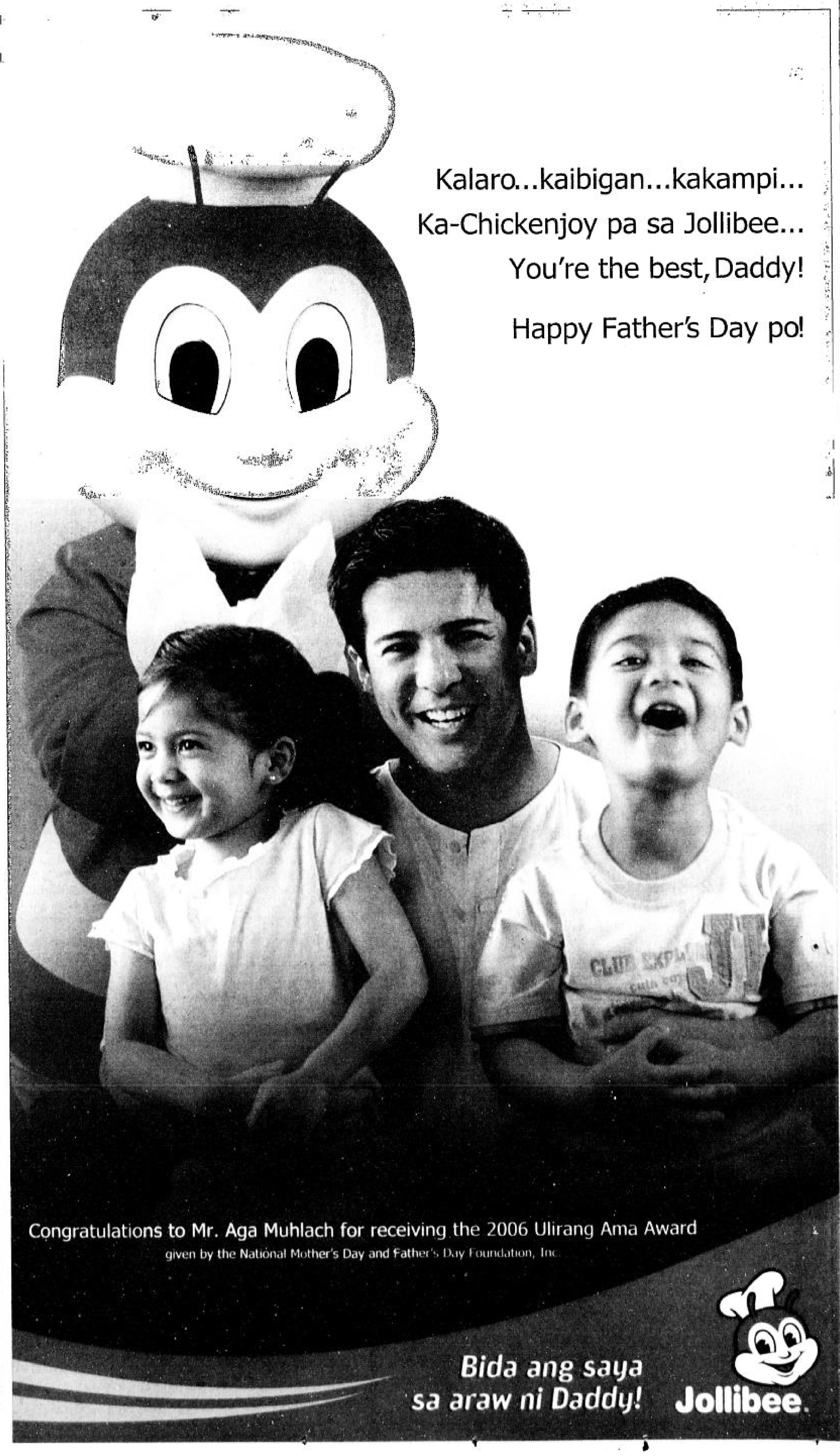
JED Madela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Lovi's debut album

Singer and recording artist Lovi (Poe, FPJ's daughter) launches her debut album today on the noontime show "SOP" on GMA 7.

Her album, "The Best of My Heart," contains 12 tracks, including her debut single "I Love You."

The songs were composed by Ogie Alcasid, Raymund Ryan, Viktoria, Edwin Marollano, Joven Tan and Sherwin Castillo.

Today

Cascades 2006 World Tour in Iloilo City
Lynn Sherman at RJTV Bar

LOVI

FEEDBACK

Trivia please

From Juan Paolo Carpio-Malenab
Tarlac City, Province Of Camiling

WARM greetings to the Philippine Daily Inquirer and to its Entertainment section!

May I request your section to feature trivia, reviews, and articles about the TV shows of the '70s and '80s? I'm particularly interested in the '70s soap operas and the star-studded "GMA Supershow," "That's Entertainment," "Vilma!" and "The Sharon Cuneta Show," and the longest running TV noontime show "Eat... Bulaga!" This can give readers an idea about the shows aired before, particularly its humor and novelty.

Bad timing

From Loi Reyes Landicho
9F Jacinta Bldg. II Edsa, Guadalupe, Makati City

SOLAR Sports is at it again, ruining our viewing pleasure.

Last night, I watched the live coverage of the World Cup match between Korea and Togo. Just seconds after Ahn Jung Hwan scored what would later be Korea's winning goal, Solar Sports abruptly interrupted the live feed and inserted commercials.

Why deprive us, viewers the chance to witness an inspiring moment? We want to see the celebration, the crowd, the faces.

Timing, Mr. Wilson Tieng. Your Solar Sports staff's got bad timing. Really bad timing.

d Peas at the Big Dome July 27

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Tomorrow

Kamikazee at Polytechnic University, Dumaguete City

Michaelangelo and Overtone at Tavern on the Square

Silk and Steel at Merk's Bar Bistro, Greenbelt 3

Jojo A All the Way and Gimme A Break at RJTV Bar

Babes on a Roll at Bronx Dance Bar

June 20

Jojo A All the Way and Gimme A Break at RJTV Bar

Julianne and Sitti at Tavern on the Square

Aretha and the Souled Out Band at Merk's Bar

June 21

Jojo A All the Way and Gimme A Break at RJTV Bar

RJ at Discovery Suites' Serendipity Lounge

The Dorques andSession Road at Tavern on the Square

Wednesday Jazz Festival at Merk's Bar with Richard Merk, Eddie Katindig and Judith Banal

June 22

Jojo A All the Way and Gimme A Break at RJTV Bar

Acoustic Jive at Merk's Bar

Kearney Street at Tavern on the Square

June 23

RJ 'n Friends and Moonstrucks at RJTV Bar

Fat Session at Tavern on the Square

Cascades 2006 World Tour in Bacolod

MTV Live Sessions at Café Lupe featuring True Faith

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June 24

Winston's Wings Tour with Bamboo at Leyte Park, Tacloban

Brown Republic at Tavern on the Square

The Retro Show at RJTV Bar

June 25

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Erik Santos at Metropoint

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Lynn Sherman at RJTV Bar

Solace at SM City Clark

June 26

Jojo A All the Way and Gimme A Break at RJTV Bar

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June 27

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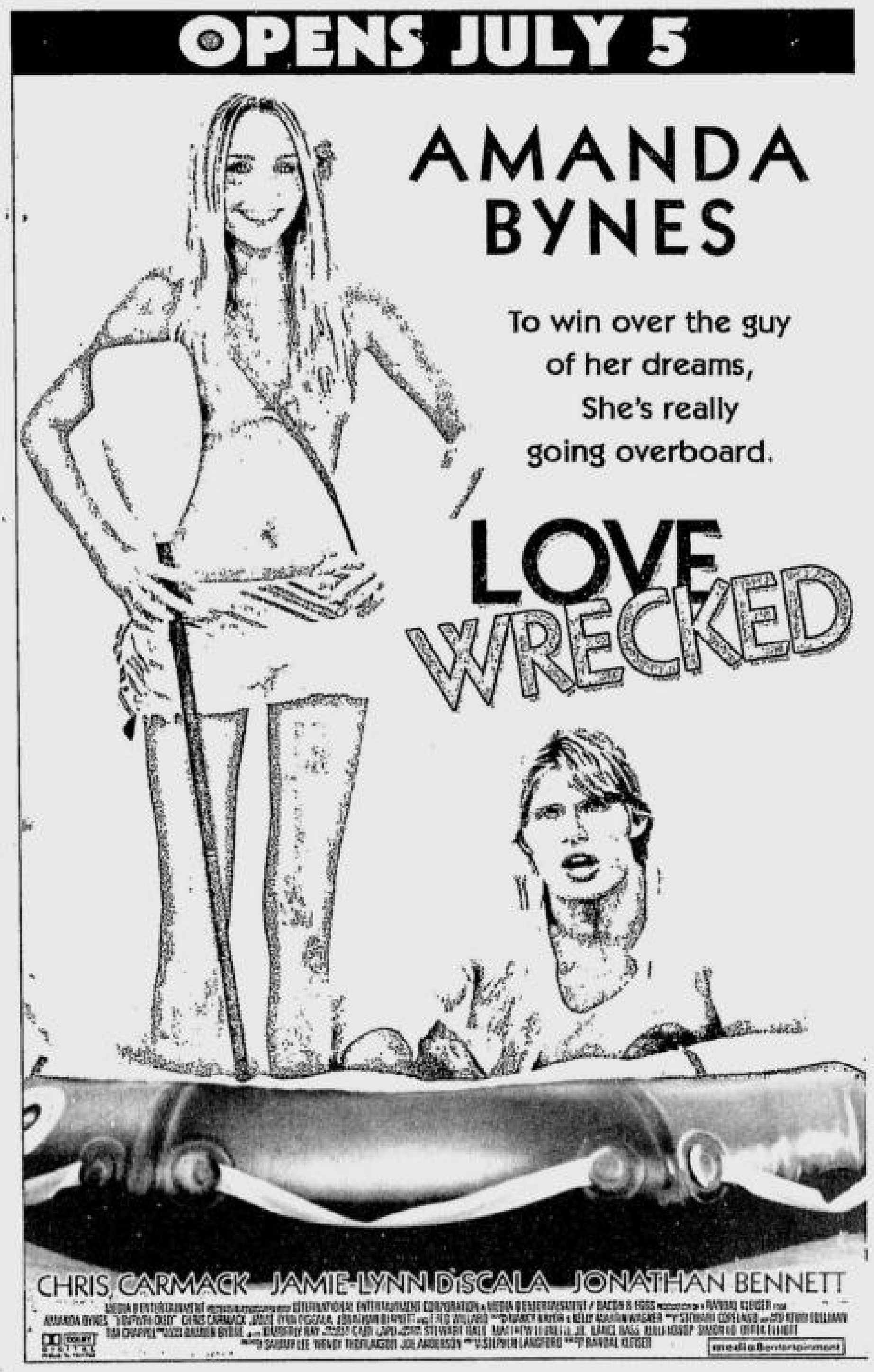

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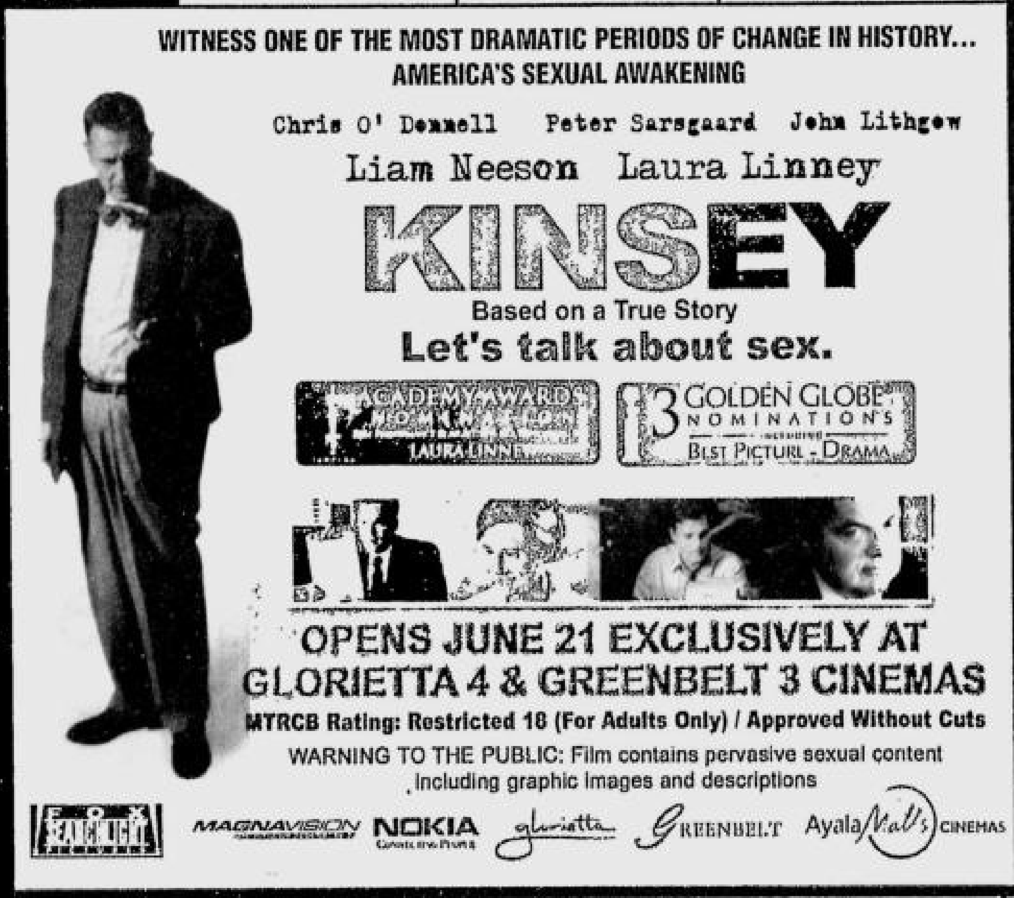

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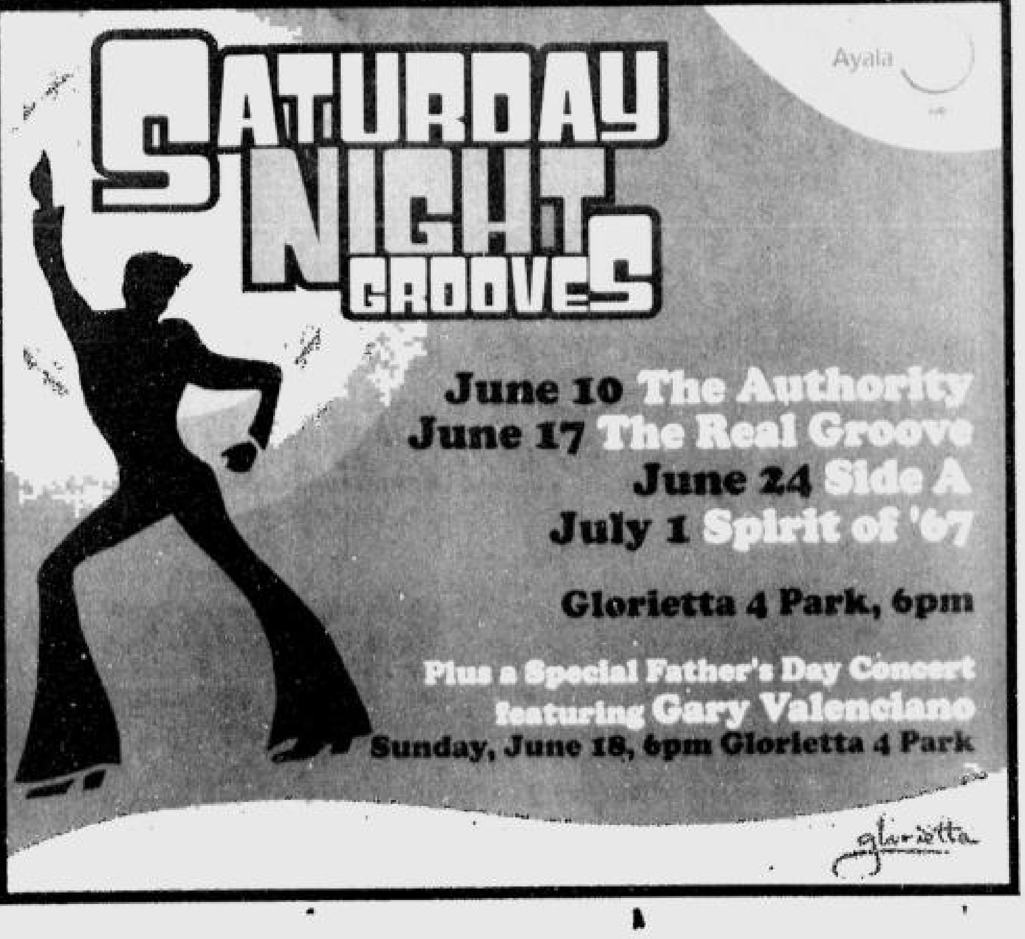

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'Awit' 2006 belonged to Bamboo

RIVERMAYA

From page A4-1

Artist went to Barbie Almalbis, who beat veteran singer Regine Velasquez.

Barbie won for "Just a Smile," edging out Nina, Ella May Saison and Rachelle Ann Go in the category.

Ogie Alcasid hosted the show and did impromptu comic acts, including a rendition of "Hari ng Sablay" during breaks in the show, which was taped for television. Ogie joked about being beaten in Best Performance by a Duet by Nina and Thor for the song "The Closer I Get To You." He was in the running for his duet with Sharon Cuneta.

Rivermaya won the Best Song Written for Movie/TV/Stage Play trophy for "You'll Be Safe Here," theme for the TV series "Spirits." The group won Music Video of the Year for the same song.

Itchy Worms went home with the Best World/Alternative Music Award for "Akin Ka Lang"; South Border took Best R&B honors for "Asa." Dice and K9 won Best Rap Song for "6 In Da Morning."

Best Performance by a New Female Recording Artist went to April for "Stay Real."

OJ Mariano won Best Performance by a New Male Recording Artist for "Maghihintay sa 'Yo," while Pupil won Best Performance by a New Group Recording Artist for "Nasaan Ka?"

Best-Selling Album of the Year went to Nina's "Live!"

Instrumentalists Renato Lucas and Raul Sunico won Best Instrumental Performance for "Gaano Kadalas ang Minsan."

Best Jazz Recording went to Mon David for "Let Go."

For the first time, the Awit Awards gave out the Dangal ng Musikang Pilipino award, in recognition of local artists who have brought honor to the country by winning in international competitions.

Recipients of the Dangal were Gary V and Martin Nievera, Jed Madela, Rizza Navales, Aryana, Rachelle Ann Go and composer Vehnee Saturno.

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Robin Williams: World's funniest dad?

'Every parent gets a moment where he realizes why some animals eat their young'

WILLIAMS is married to a Filipina.

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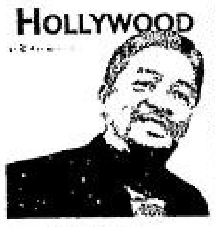

Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—Last time we talked to Robin Williams, our question on his wife Marsha's Filipino heritage led to some humorous remarks from the actor-comedian.

"You marry a Philippine woman and they like you in the Philippines," Robin quipped. Then, on the spot, he coined a term for Marsha Garces Williams' Filipino-Finnish heritage. "She's Finnipino,' he adlibbed. "You get *lechon* with white fish."

Robin, who has a daughter and two sons, could be the world's funniest father.

He was unstoppable from that moment on. "I have to say the Philippine women are very hot," he admitted, and, fanning himself with his hands to stress the point, exclaimed "Whewwww! They're wonderful."

Addressing me, he added, "You know what I'm saying."

Robin explained how his father-in-law, Leon Pantaleon Garces (he pronounced the name in his version of a Filipino accent), left the Philippines and joined the Navy. Turning serious for a second, our Golden Globe Cecil B. DeMille Award recipient last year expressed his awareness of and sympathy for Filipino veterans like his pa-in-law who had to lobby long and hard for benefits and recognition from the US government.

Robin volunteered that the best friend of his youngest son, Cody, is Filipino-American. Robin's other offspring with Marsha is Zelda, an aspiring actress. He has a son, Zachary, with his first wife, Valerie Velardi.

Robin capped my first encounter with him by suddenly shouting "*Balut!*" as we posed for pictures. "*Salamat!*" I said to him. "*Samalat!*" he replied. Later, he got it right as he got into a black Expedition in the hotel driveway. "*Salamat!*" he exclaimed.

Our most recent press con with Robin is for the comedy "RV," which is about an overworked father who takes his family on a road trip. The movie's plot resulted in the comedian's discussion of parenthood, a perfect topic for today, Father's Day. Robin's first number one hit with a live action film in years, "RV" also stars Cheryl Hines, Josh Hutcherson and Joanna "JoJo" Levesque as his family, Jeff Daniels and Kristin Chenoweth.

Unlike many comedians who tend to be circumspect in person, Robin is constantly like an Energizer bunny who goes on and on with the funny quips.

So have you ever taken your family on the road in an RV?

No, I have taken them in a Volkswagen down the California coast.

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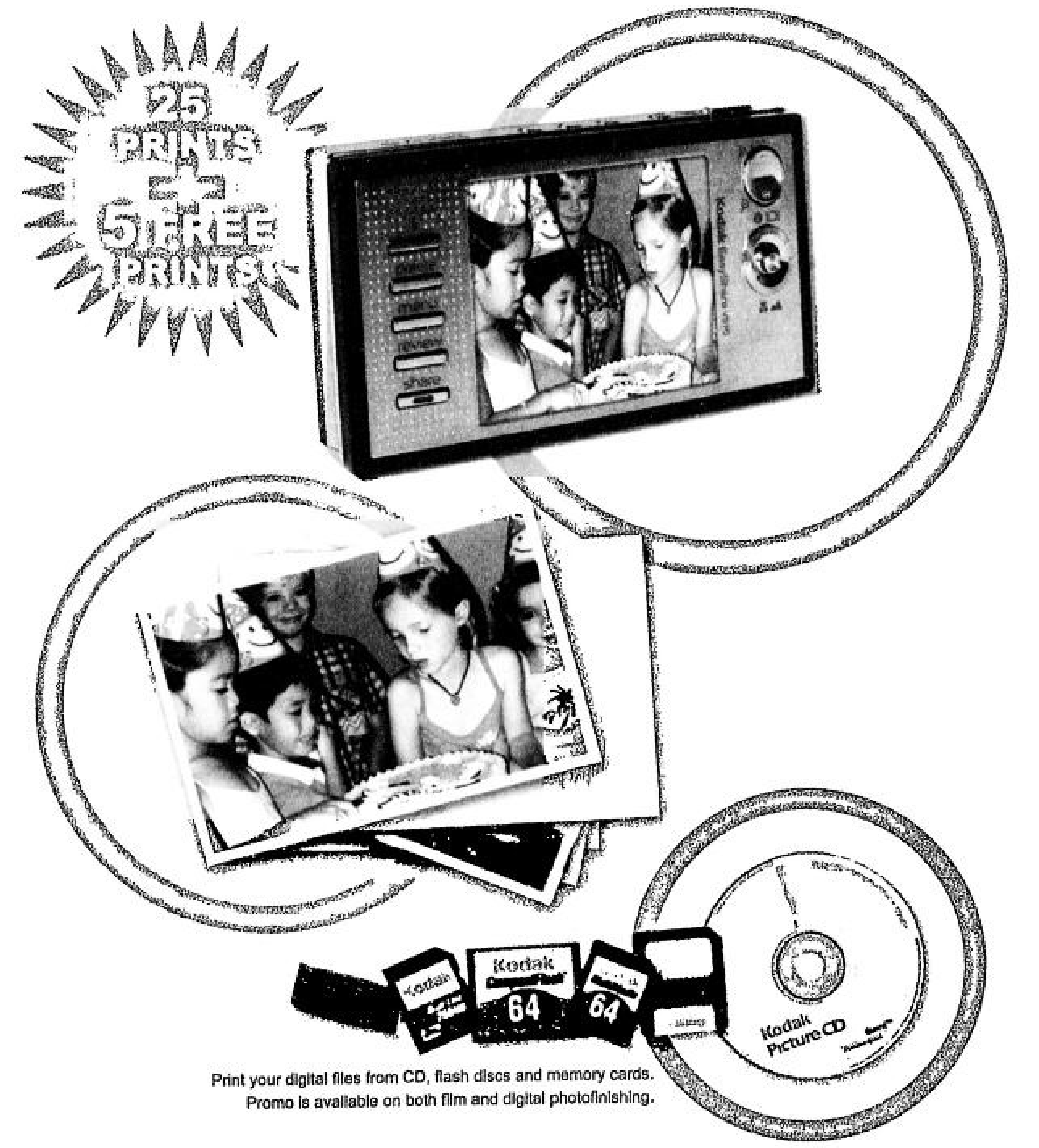

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Pen pals and super-speedy mail

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

TWO LOVERS LIVING TWO YEARS APART make a miraculous connection in "The Lake House," a fantasy-romantic drama starring former "Speed" co-stars Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves. Don't bother looking for any logic behind the inter-era communication, as their "bridge" is a seemingly magical mailbox, which gets their letters into each other's hands in a snap. They both live in the same lakeside home—an architectural wonder with sunset views—in different time periods.

REVIEW

Simple tale

Throw away your alternate reality theories. It's not that kind of movie, nor is it like the TV series "Early Edition," although "The Lake House" shares some reality-mucking kinship, however minute, with those two. It doesn't strain itself by going into the details and responsibilities presented by time-warping. The focus is the two pen pals, period.

It's a simple tale about the gradually growing relationship between an unhappy doctor, Kate (Bullock), who lives in 2006, and a pensive architect, Alex (Reeves), who lives in 2004. Their lives unfold without much excitement before this impossible interaction, and the irony of the situation isn't lost on them.

Things get a little cheesy sometimes, when certain long-shot elements—objects sent by Alex to places other than the lake house—make it into Kate's time. They look like awfully convenient coincidences. These two people, it seems, are just too cosmically favored. But with such a likeable on-screen pairing as Bullock and Reeves, it's not that big an issue. Reeves' stiff gait and delivery early in the film can almost make one expect him to surfer-speak, like, "Dude, I design, like, houses and stuff! Sweet!" But thankfully, that doesn't happen and his composure feels more natural. He is more comfortable in the role for much of the film, while Bullock, as usual, is a darling.

SANDRA Bullock and Keanu Reeves in "The Lake House"

A bit weird

"The Lake House" is so creatively told that we don't see Kate and Alex writing or reading their letters aloud all the time. It's a bit weird to see them talking simultaneously in some parts, but because of cleverly superimposed images and fadeouts, the pair gets to emote more through their gestures. Some reality-twisting, yeah, but it works, just like its whole mystical premise. Just don't expect time travel lessons a la "Back to the Future." There are no talks of divergent timelines or corrupted time streams here, just cute, cordial conversations between two lucky lovebirds who literally controlled their destinies.

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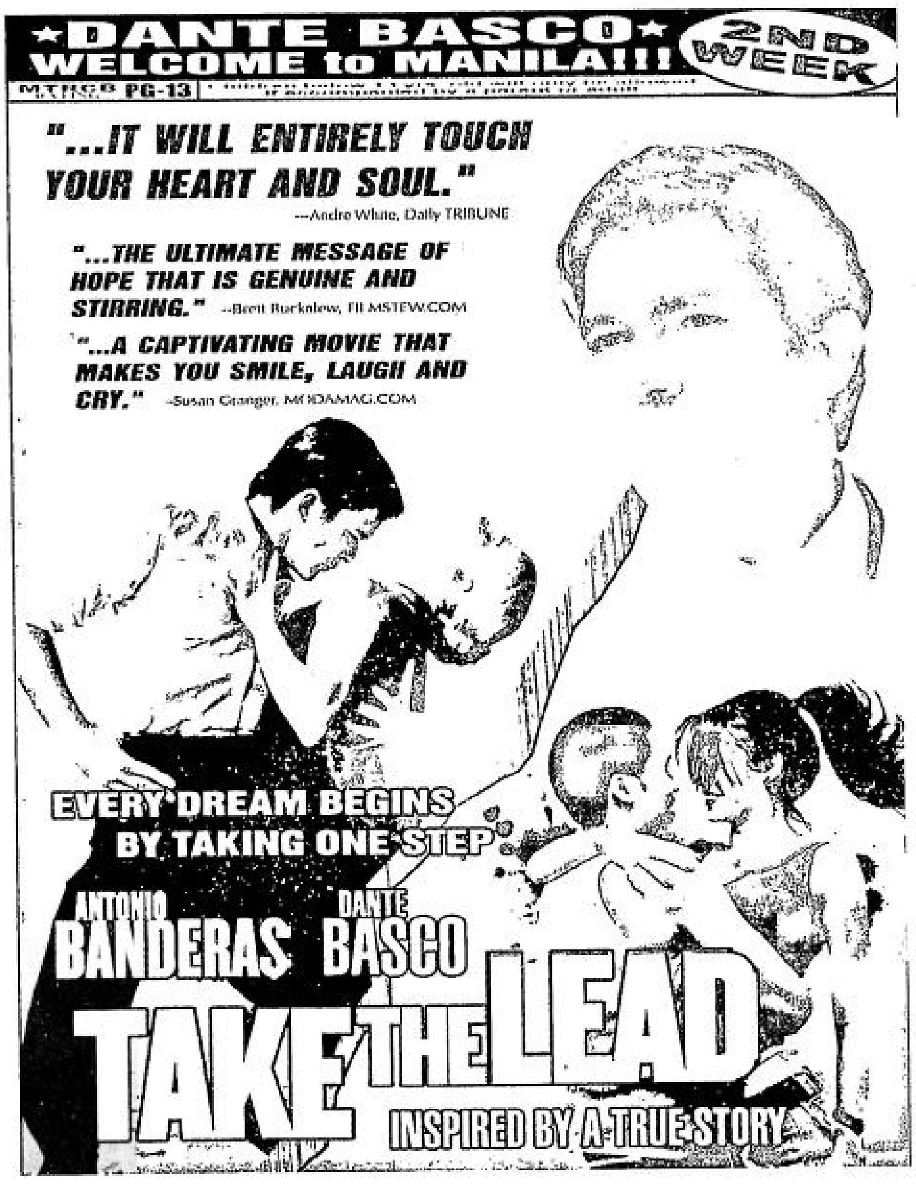
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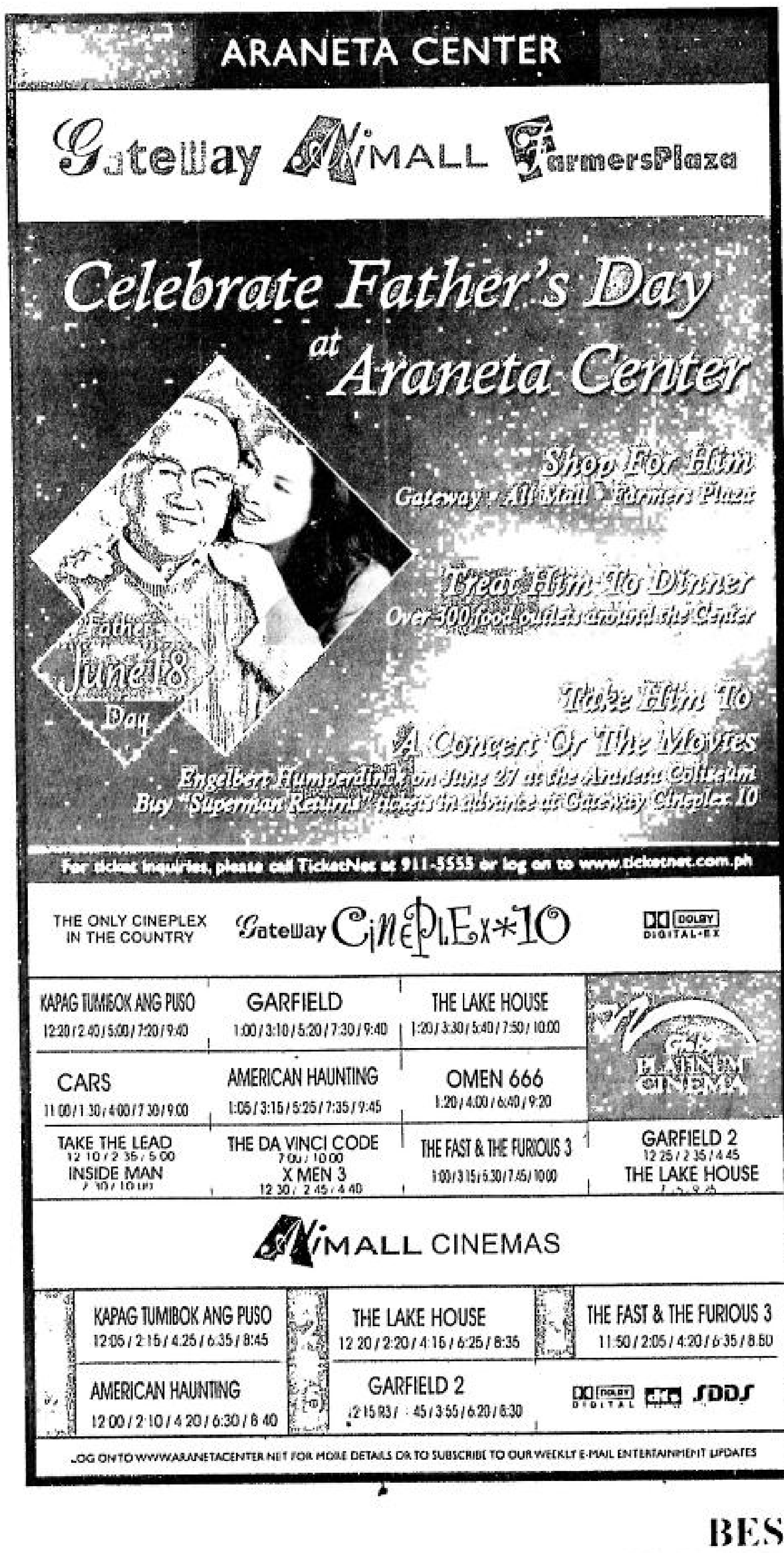
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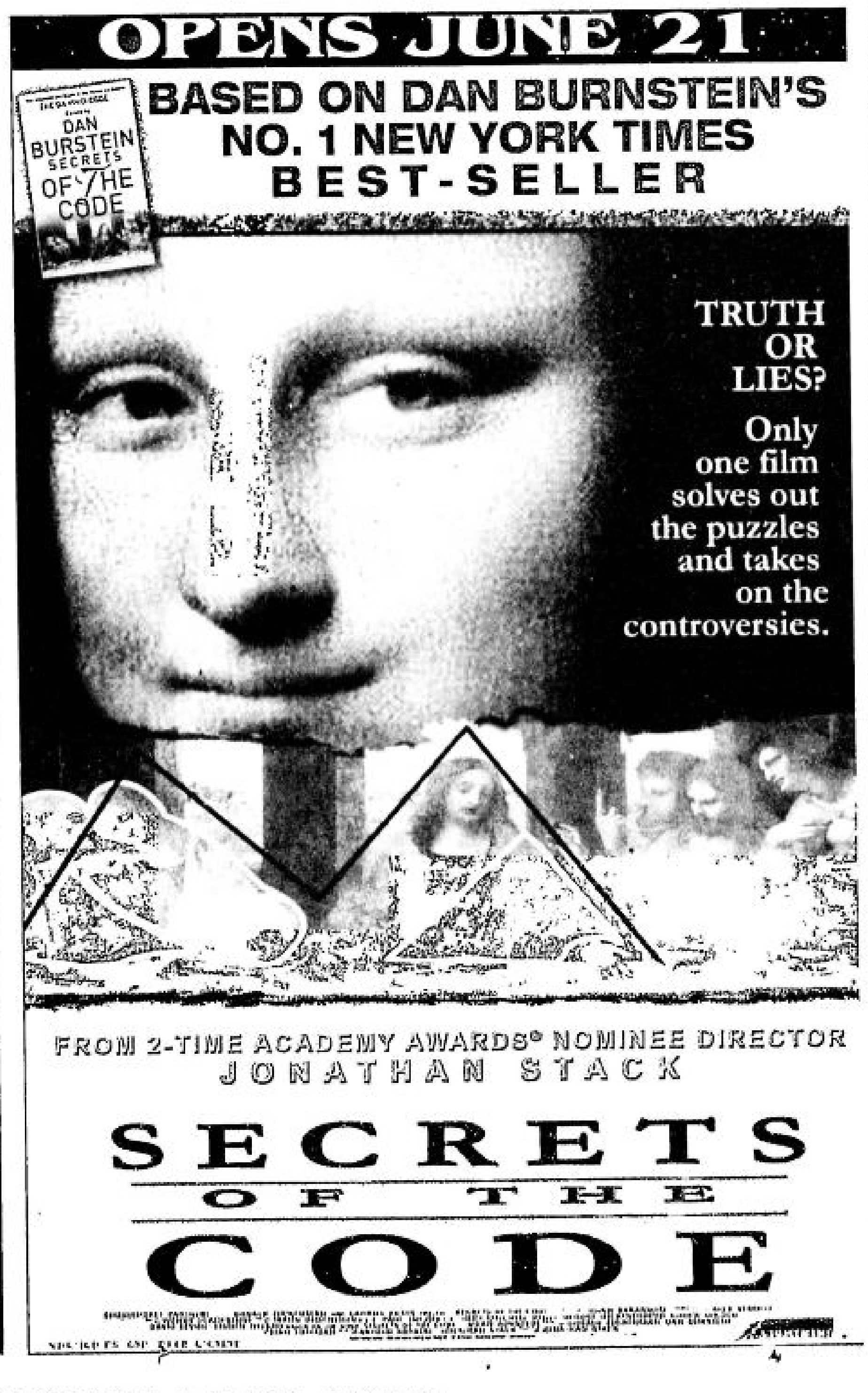
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OLIVIA de Havilland

Tribute not gone with the wind

MALIBU, CALIFORNIA—OLIVIA de Havilland, the last surviving star of the 1939 classic "Gone with the Wind" and two-time winner of the Oscar as Best Actress, received a rare tribute from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Thursday.

"I'm told I'm only the fourth person to get such a tribute," she said. It featured film clips of de Havilland's long career, accompanied by her own remembrances.

Prior to the ceremony, De Havilland sat for an interview in her daughter Giselle's sun-swept Malibu garden. Dressed smartly, only her snow-white hair gave hint of her age.

"I'll be 90 on July 1," she announced. "I can't wait! Another victory!"

Family matters

De Havilland hasn't acted in almost 20 years, her last performances having been in television movies—as the Russian empress in "Anastasia," as Aunt Bessie in "The Woman I Love," the story of the Duke of Windsor and Wallis Simpson, and as the Queen Mother in "Charles and Diana."

For 10 years at the end of the century, she was unable to work because of family matters: Her son, Benjamin Goodrich, diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease at 17, died in 1992 at 42.

Her second husband, Pierre Galante, editor of the magazine Paris Match, fell ill with lung cancer. Even though they had divorced in 1979, Olivia helped with his care. He died in 1998.

She helped Giselle, her daughter with Galante, make it through bouts of depression.

When Giselle called in April with news of her husband's death, her mother asked, "Do you want me there?" Giselle said yes, and De Havilland left Paris and was in Malibu the next day. She hasn't left. AP

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As for the GMA 7 movie project … it's a closely guarded secret.

More than meets the eye

The young star's reported misunderstanding with her folks doesn't only stem from her budding romance with a man her parents cannot stand.

The real reason is the fact that the girl wants to control her career and, ergo, her life.

Million Dollar Baby?

RUSHES

From the gay movie "Manay Po," director Joel Lamangan plunged into "Pacquiao the Movie"—the biopic of boxing champ Manny, of course.

His credential for handling a film that he himself has described as "testosterone-filled": "My PE in college was boxing."

Chocolate kisses

It was a dream-come-true for comedian Chocoleit.

After rigorous auditions, he won the role of Didi, the superheroine's show-stopping sidekick in the movie version of the gay comic book "Zsazsa Zaturnnah."

"He cried after being given the role," manager Arnold Vegafria told INQUIRER Entertainment.

Most beautiful

Solenn Heussaff, 21—model and shoe designer, is Mega magazine's Most Beautiful Woman of the year. Runners-up are three more models: Yasmin Baumann, Nicole Hernandez and Isabelle Daza, daughter of Gloria Diaz-Daza.

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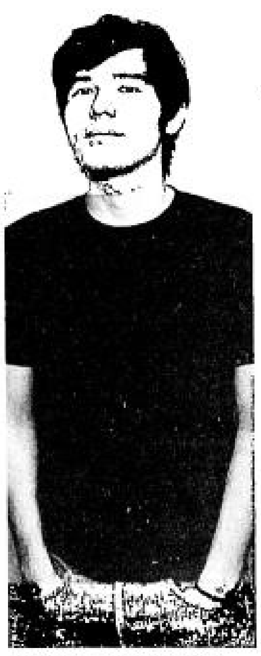

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The young star's reported misunderstanding with her folks doesn't only stem from her budding romance with a man her parents cannot stand.

The real reason is the fact that the girl wants to control her career and, ergo, her life.

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From the gay movie "Manay Po," director Joel Lamangan plunged into "Pacquiao the Movie"—the biopic of boxing champ Manny, of course.

His credential for handling a film that he himself has described as "testosterone-filled": "My PE in college was boxing."

Chocolate kisses

It was a dream-come-true for comedian Chocoleit.

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"He cried after being given the role," manager Arnold Vegafria told INQUIRER Entertainment.

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Robin Williams: World's funniest dad?

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My son wanted to stop and he said he wanted a place with a kitchen. So in the end, we had Jewish camping (laughter). But it was wild because the Volkswagen had a pop up roof and kitchen. But no, we had to stay inside the hotel. We ended up pitching a tent inside a hotel room and ordering room service (laughter).

As a father, what was the most beautiful family occasion that you remember?

Staying in Tuscany, Italy was pretty amazing. We rented a house there. We've also had a lot of great vacations in Lake Tahoe, California.

What's your take on an RV?

An RV is a weird thing because it is literally a mobile home. It's bigger than any SUV. You really have to know that, anytime you make a turn, it is like dancing with a very large woman (laughter). You have to give her room. Who gets toilet time is a big deal (laughter).

How did fatherhood transform you?

The birth of my first son was really the wake-up call when you realize there is something other than you. You have a responsibility and once that happened, it really changed me. Once you have a child, it begins the process of knowing what your legacy is, what's your responsibility. Sometimes you will fail. You will fall down. You make mistakes but you just move on to the next step and concern yourself with what you are passing on to the next generation.

Are you protective of your daughter Zelda (who was present in the room)?

Somewhat (laughter). She met a young man recently who was terrified of me like I was going to go, "What are you doing?" So we met him and I said, "I won't hurt you." She is 16 and quite beautiful. She has a mother who is very honest and very sweet with her. Zelda is also really bright, which really helps. That is the best birth control in the whole world (laughter). She has a great deal of intelligence and integrity which she gets from her mother and myself. But I think it is mostly from her mother. My son is not here right now because he is playing hide-and-seek in Bel Air with a group of 14-year-old boys terrorizing people. My other son is 23.

"RV" stars, from left: Robin Williams, Cheryl Hines, Josh Hutcherson, Jo Jo Levesque

Your kids in this movie are pretty obnoxious. How about your own kids?

Zelda is not. But every child will have a moment where you realize why some animals eat their young (laughter). There is a moment where kids will push your envelope. It's their job to doubt, to question you, to push you, to say no. It's like the Mark Twain quote that goes something like "I thought my father was very ignorant. I realized the older I got, the more intelligent he became" or something like that. Cody pushes me on a daily basis because he is 14. That's his job. One time I was yelling at Cody. He said, "Do you realize you are 54?" I went, "Thank you (laughter)." He was like, "Thanks."

Is it harder since you are a celebrity parent?

No harder than any parent. The only thing that makes it more difficult is that other people notice if you do it publicly.

What father-son activity do you enjoy with Cody?

Shopping with him is fun because we have different tastes. It's pretty wild because we hit these different shops which sell outrageous clothes. He would go, "Dad, check this out." And then I realize I end up buying clothes that make me look like a 54-year-old hip-hop guy.

Who do you think inherited your mind?

All of them in a way. Cody is a great writer. Zelda is a great actress. She is so intuitive. She was so good on the first day of filming her first movie. Zach is also like me.

As the best friend of Christopher and Dana Reeve, how did you deal with their passing?

It was like an overload. You can't really process it. First Chris and then Dana's mother and then Dana herself. You can't comprehend that on any level. I was at the memorial and it was the most amazing thing how articulate and very specific everybody was, especially Dana's son who is 14 and the most amazing combination of both of them. He spoke about them in the most beautiful way. Other than that, I can't comprehend.

I thought about you when I watched "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" because when Steve Carrell gets his chest waxed, I remembered your own hairy chest.

I literally had a lady say as she was waxing me, "Do you mind if I take a break? (laughter)." Finally, they had to hire two women. And after three hours, they both went, "That's it."

Did you survive it, though?

I did. I've also been lasered, which felt like you're being tortured and you want to give up information (laughter). It's the weirdest thing once your chest is shaved or waxed. All of a sudden you go, "I can feel my clothing (laughter)." You don't have the curve feelers anymore. All of a sudden, you feel your nipples.

Why did you wax?

To be more attractive (laughter). So Marsha didn't have to bring a weed whacker to bed (laughter). Because when hair starts to creep out of your collar, people go, "What a lovely tie!" I say, "Sorry, that's my chest hair." When you get older and all that hair starts to gray, there is a silver front and even the gorillas go, "Psst! Who's that? (laughter)" And when you start growing hair in your ears, you go, "I can't hear you." All of a sudden, you have like a topiary growing out of your nostrils (laughter). But when you get waxed, it is painful. You will literally scream names out.

Tell us about your own father.

He was a vice president of Lincoln Continental. When he retired, he noticed that I was finally doing well. He told me, "If something happens to me, take care of your mother." It was a great moment because he was kind of saying, "It's your turn now." It was tough for him because he has always taken care of us,

Did you learn anything from your father about cars, like changing oil?

Nothing. I am totally inept. I know how to pull a dipstick out (laughter). I have friends who can take an engine apart and put it together. Not me.

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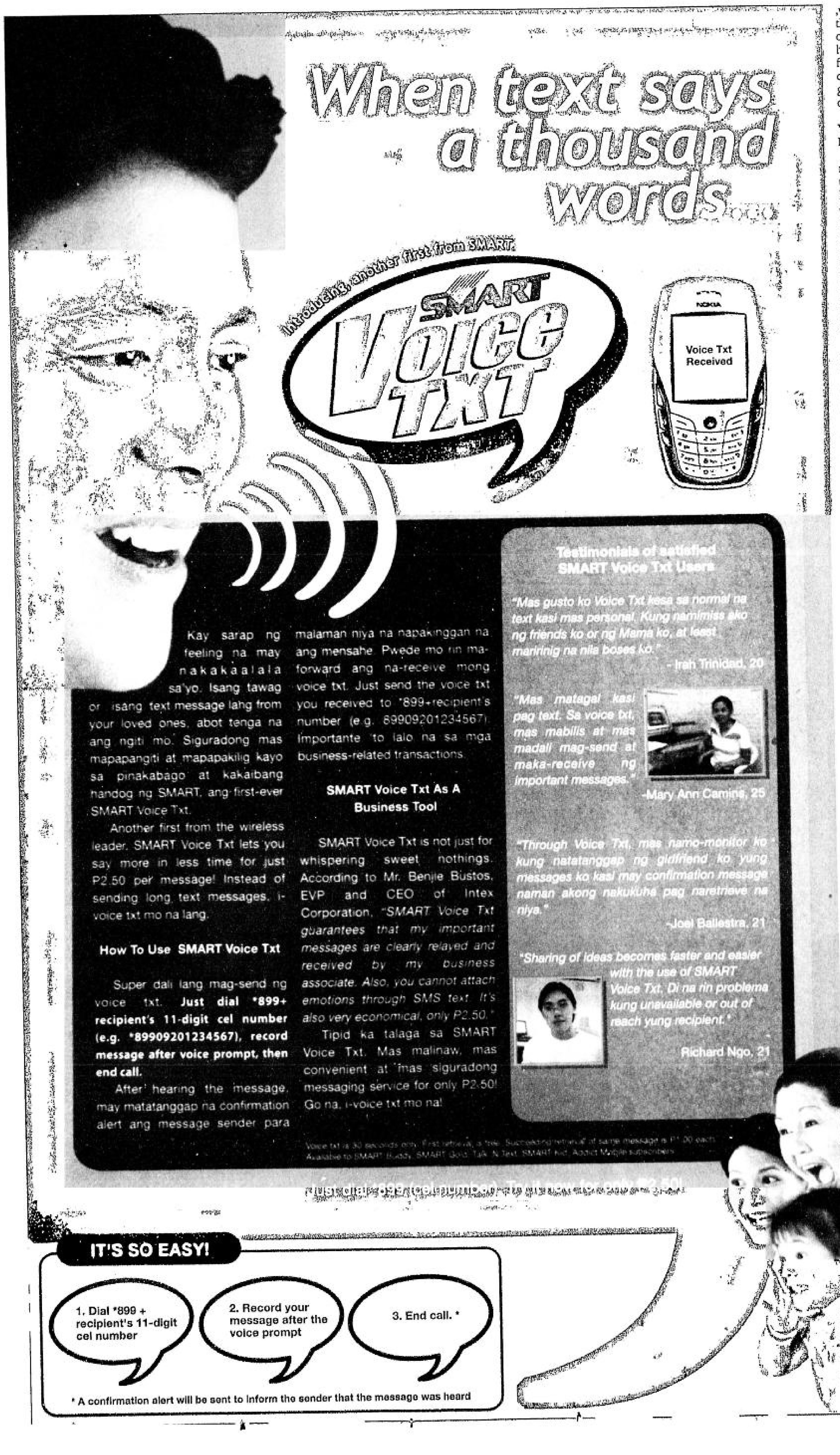

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NG with Sen. Manuel Roxas III

Anger propelled CEO to excellence

CDC chief now bent on turning former base into world-class logistics hub

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

IF CLARK DEVELOPMENT CORP. PRESIDENT and CEO Antonio R. Ng appears like he has a chip on his shoulder, it's probably because he has.

Ng grew up poor. People used to tease him a lot for the way he looks and for his odd-sounding name. Ng is of Chinese descent.

The insults created a deep anger in him, which he did not even realize was there until he achieved a measure of success. Only then did he see that the anger had channeled itself into a drive toward excellence.

And excel he did.

"I had the desire to be the best," Ng says as he smiles. "So I gave everything my best, including ironing my own clothes. When I scrubbed the floor, it was always a mirror finish."

Upon the recommendation of former Ayala Corp. top man Francisco Licuanan, who was then the presidential adviser on Clark, Ng was installed as CDC head in March 2005.

But Ng is humble enough to admit that he attained success not without help.

"I used to think I was a self-made man," he says. "I realize now I am a God-made man. First it was my mother who prayed for me. And then it was my wife."

Ng sits as head of one of the most controversial and conflict-ridden posts in government.

Decisions made by several of his predecessors had raised eyebrows, some decisions were even mired in scandals.

Ng is well aware of the issues facing the former US air base.

That is why he is now working hard trying to pass on to CDC employees the core values he has acquired while working with two multinational firms, and cut through the red tape hampering operations in Clark.

FIRST JOB

CDC president Antonio R. Ng

Sword of Damocles

On top of these, he says, the CDC has a Sword of Damocles hanging over its head in the form of a Supreme Court decision. The high court ruled that the CDC should not have granted tax incentives to its investors, and that these businesses would have to pay back taxes. The locators are in an uproar over the changing of the rules in the middle of the game—after all, the tax-free incentives were one of the reasons why the investors opted to put up their businesses in Clark.

The short-term solution is that all new investors to Clark should be registered under the Philippine Export Processing Zone. This would provide them the incentives.

But Ng says they need a long-term solution, and this requires legislation. So far, Congress has passed a law granting amnesty to existing investors. But another law has to be passed to give Clark locators tax free incentives.

But the way things are moving in Congress, the long-term solution is a long time coming.

For now, Ng is busy generating employment and creating economic activities in the area.

He plans to turn Clark into a world-class logistics hub, a center for light manufacturing and services, and a place for leisure and entertainment.

Ng also wants to establish the needed infrastructure for convenient access.

He hopes to accomplish this by attracting more investors to the area. This is why Ng is trying to make it easier for new businesses to locate in Clark, making their applications less bureaucratic.

To Ng, it is a matter of setting performance goals among CDC workers.

He claims that in the permit processing, they have created a green lane where you can get your permit in ten minutes. So far, he says, they have achieved on time delivery at a 97-percent rate.

Excite your people

"You have to excite people to your mission," he says. "I talk to the employees once a month."

Ng espouses an open policy, especially in meeting with investors.

"When there's an investor, I don't meet with him alone," he says. "I bring my marketing, customer service staff and others."

Ng says that by doing this, he can prevent talk that he stands to benefit or gain special privileges every time he meets an investor.

"As a leader I have two jobs—it is our duty to set expectations and to demand and insist on them. And to actively help overcome the obstacles people face to meet these expectations. It's a question of defining the expectations."

Perhaps because of the difficulty his family went through, Ng wants to eradicate poverty. And the only way he can do this is by creating more jobs.

Ng was born in Bantayan, Cebu in August 1959, to a Chinese father and a Cebuana mother.

But his father died when he was only two. His mother decided to move to Davao where she could be with relatives who could help support her four children.

Ng was the only boy. He admits he was the favorite of his mother. But she did not exempt him from working.

"Early in life, as a young boy of 10, I learned to shine shoes, sell newspapers and roast pig to earn extra income.

"In the evening, it was my duty to prepare

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FORMER President Fidel V. Ramos cheers the opening of the Clark Expo with CDC staff

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In line with this commitment, Pfizer recently launched the Engage program which aims to promote the value of Community among its employees by providing them with various opportunities to share their time, resources and talents with the communities the company serves. This program features activities that promote the education, values formation and health of the members of these communities.

"Since volunteerism is largely encouraged in Pfizer, our employees have always been supportive of the company's community programs. The Engage program will create even more avenues for everyone to participate and help more people", said Karen Villanueva, Pfizer corporate affairs director.

Recently, as part of the program, Pfizer volunteers worked hand in hand with residents of a Gawad Kalinga community in Baseco when they completed road paving, painting and landscaping activities in 48 houses in the village. Through this endeavor, the Pfizer employees were able to not only help enhance the appearance of their homes and surroundings, but more importantly, get to know the people they have committed to help and share their time and resources with during the rest of the Engage activities.

"The people of Pfizer have committed to Engage so that each one of us may embrace our social responsibility and play a role in bringing hope and the promise of a better life to more Filipinos," said Gerry Bacarro, Pfizer president and country manager. "We hope that through our efforts, we may be able to make a concrete and lasting difference in these communities."

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Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (Metrobank) garnered two Trusted Brand Gold awards in the recent Reader's Digest Asia's Trusted Brands 2006 survey. The country's leading bank won the awards for the Bank and Investment Fund Company categories. The winners were awarded based on the responses of consumers across key Asian countries who rated brands in each product or service category according to quality, trustworthiness, credible image, value, innovation, and understanding of customer needs. This is the third consecutive year that Metrobank was cited by Reader's Digest. In 2004 and 2005, Metrobank was awarded the Reader's Digest Super Brand Gold Award. In photo during the awarding ceremony are (from left) Jim Plouffe, editor-in-chief, Reader's Digest English edition; Mark Cass, Reader's Digest South East Asia advertising director; Barry Jay del Rosario, Metrobank assistant vice president and Marketing Support head; Bernardito Lapuz, Metrobank senior vice president and Corporate Planning head; Simon Cholmeley, Reader's Digest regional advertising director, Asia; and Lilet Yan Reader's Digest advertising sales director.

10TH DSAP NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Drugstore Association of the Philippines (DSAP) signed a memorandum of agreement with its co presentors and major sponsors for its upcoming 10th DSAP National Convention with the theme, 'Expanding Boarders' on Sept. 6 to 8 at Crowne Plaza Hotel. Highlights of the convention are opening ceremonies , more than a hundred exhibit booths, top caliber plenary speakers and more. Present during the signing were (seated, from left) Gizelle Camua of Zuellig Pharma, Joey Peralta of Pediatrica, Anne Remulla of Sara Lee, Karen Villanueva of Pfizer, Celia Carlos, DSAP national affairs, Ma. Erlinda Pascual, DSAP national president, Gloria De Chavez, DSAP board chair, Rodel Vizconde DSAP Convention chair, Mar Dabalos of Diethelm, Jean Espino of Nestle Nutrition, Timmie Guillermo of Pharex Healthcorp, Lloyda Balba of Rhea; (standing, from left): Agnes Lorenzana of Indepth Direct Marketing Consultants, Jojo Fermin, Jojo Villa-Ignacio and Van Avenido of Unilab, Paul Suico of Pfizer, Tina Cruz of Unilab, Chit Intal, DSAP secretary, Susan Uy, Shirley Sy, Mariesel Frimalo of Nestle, Aris Geronimo of Pharex, Gina Espinosa of Indepth, and Jun Lagitao of Philusa.

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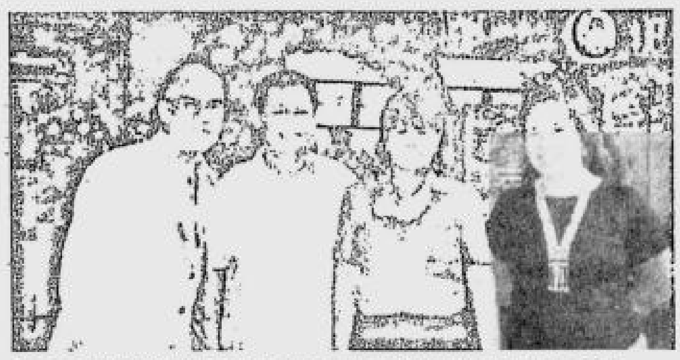
BPO PROVIDER PARTNERS WITH EYE FOUNDATION

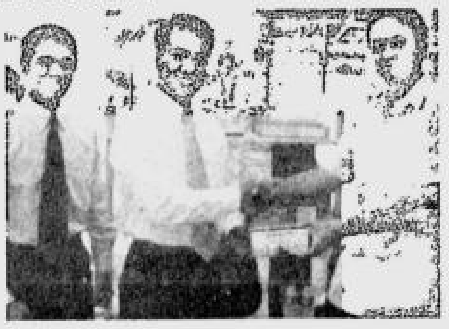
The Education for Youth Enterprise (EYE) Foundation recently inked a partnership with SPi Foundation to implement 'Wiwag Business Week' pilot project at the Cavite State University. SPi Foundation is the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of SPi, a proven leader in content outsourcing. Sponsoring Wiwag supports the foundation's SPiF Educ8 CSR programs. Wiwag is a five-day training concept based on computer-assisted simulation game that gives students an overall experience in managing a medium-sized company. Signing the agreement were (from left) Lucy C. Aguila, director for CSR of SPi Foundation, Ernest L. Cu, chair of SPi Foundation, and Elaine Mapa, executive director EYE Foundation.



NEW WENDY'S RESTAURANT OPENS IN SM MOA

Mall of Asia - the biggest mall of the SM Group, is the site of Wendy's newest restaurant. Wendy's opened its doors to the public last May 21. In front of the Wendy's Mall of Asia - Boy Abunda, celebrity with Wendy's GM Jason Lim, Edel Espartero - Operations Director and Irene Moran, Marketing Manager.

NEWEST MEDICAL ENDORSER FOR AMARGOZIN



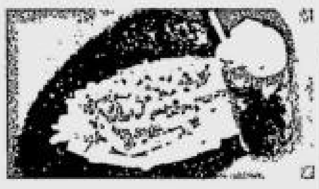
Dr. Edwin Bien (middle), host of What's Up Doc?, a medical TV program on UNTV Channel 37 (UHF) is the latest endorser for Amargozin, an ampalaya food supplement. Amargozin uses the most researched ampalaya variety - the Makiling variety. Photo shows Dr. Francis Gomez, president of Altermed Corp (right) shaking hands with Dr. Bien after the contract signing. Also in photo is Bob Domingo, product manager for Amargozin. Amargozin is manufactured by Pascual Laboratories and marketed by Altermed Corp. Available at Mercury Drug and other drugstores nationwide.

TRUST OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (TOAP)

The Board of Directors for 2006-2007: (seated, from left) treasurer Ma. Elena S. Sarmiento, FSVP and trust officer of PNB; vice president and director for ways and means Marvin V. Fausto, SVP and trust officer of PNB; vice president and director for ways and means Marvin V. Fausto, SVP and trust officer of Equi-PCI; president Ma. Lourdes T. de Vera, SVP of BDO; corporate secretary Serafin P. Tongco, SVP and trust officer of Banco Filipino; (standing, from left) director for special events Antonio C. Danao, AVP of Metrobank; director for information and publication Lourdes M. Ferrer, FVP and trust officer of RCBC; director for legal and regulatory Antonino B. Inumerable, VP and trust officer of JP Morgan; director for arbitration, ethics and education Ma. Teresa R. Toledo, VP and trust officer of HSBC and director for membership Raul C. Diaz, FVP and trust officer of PBCom.

Product FILES

Bonding with Jolly Cheezy Fries



JOLLY CHEEZY FRIES ARE HOT AND crispy french fries doused with your favorite toppings. And here's something hot that your barkada can munch on. It's the new Jolly Cheezy Fries Cheese 'n Bacon – a hefty french fries treat with cheese sauce, garlic mayo and topped with bacon bits. You and your buddies can still indulge on the usual favorites, the Double Cheese and Cheese 'n Beef variants. To complete the Jollibee barkada experience, try the new Jolly Cheezy Fries float combo, for an exciting barkada bonding.

It's ideally 'So Soft' tissue

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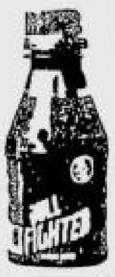
Power up with Bullfighter



SUSTAIN YOUR ENERGY WITH BULL FIGHTER, AN ENERGY drink, from Universal Robina Corp (URC), that contains a chain of amino acids which helps improve stamina, promotes muscle build-up and aids in the regeneration of tired, stressed muscles. Bull Fighter is likewise packed with Vitamin C, which increases immunity against sickness. Asia's first energy drink to be packaged in 150mL unbreakable PET bottles with resealable cap, Bull Fighter is designed for maximum portability. Aside from its convenient packaging, Bull Fighter is also the most affordable energy drink in the market today at a suggested retail price of P23 per bottle in supermarkets.

Bits Clips

Leadership seminar

KELLY MCNEESE, FOUNDER of To Be Leaders Inc, a leadership development and executive coaching organization, will be conducting a free workshop on "Creating an Enterprise with Multiple Streams of Income". Married to a Filipina, McNeese has designed a plan to empower Filipinos with sound principles of leadership excellence to achieve financial growth and viability. He is currently writing a book and developing the McNeese Leadership Studies. Hosted by Agel Philippines, this workshop will be on June 24, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Manila Peninsula Hotel in Makati City. To reserve your seats, contact Agel's customer service at 633-1265 or 910-0718.

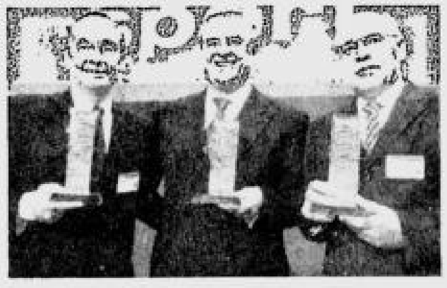
Basketball event in Manila

LAST CALL FOR THE PTAA/ACCEL 3-POINT AND Free Throw Shooting Contest, a joint project with the City of Manila headed by Mayor Jose L. Atienza, Jr. and Arnold "Ali" Atienza, Presidential Assistant for Youth and Sports and Chairman of the Manila Sports Council. The event will be held on June 17, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at San Andres Gym in Malate, Manila. The event is a Sports and Fellowship activity of PTAA to strengthen camaraderie and enhance the relationship among its members as well as friends in the tourism industry. Be a part of this most awaited event. Registration fee of P150 per category (free throw and 3-point) - gives you a chance to win cash prizes: 1st - P5,000, 2nd - P3,000 and 3rd - P2,000. 500 participants will be accommodated on a first come first paid basis on June 16. For more details please call the PTAA Secretariat at tel. nos. 552-0026 -28, mobile numbers 0906-472-0370 or 0927-474-5271.

MAYBANK JOINS HANDS WITH BANTAY KALIKASAN

Maybank, in a bid strengthen its corporate citizenship in the Philippines where it has been operating for almost a decade, recently included environmental care and rehabilitation among its community service involvement. Recently, Maybank has made a contribution to the reforestation of the La Mesa Watershed by way of adopting 100 indigenous trees. The La Mesa Watershed is the last remaining forest in Metro Manila and the site of the reservoir that supplies water to millions of people in the metropolis. Bantay Kalikasan, the environmental arm of ABS-CBN Foundation, is currently in charge of the site's rehabilitation and protection. A simple turnover at the ABS - CBN Foundation Office was made by Maybank corporate affairs officer Deng H. Castro (2nd from left) with corporate planning AVP Benedict F. Borlado. On hand to accept the donation is ABS-CBN Bantay Kalikasan operations manager John Paul Balayon and senior resource mobilization officer Cristina A. Beriña.

AUDI VOTED BEST CAR FOR 2006



The leading and most influential German automobile authority 'auto motor und sport' voted Audi number one among all luxury car manufacturers besting Porsche, BMW and Mercedes Benz in terms of quality, advanced technology and product appeal. Audi board chair Martin Winterkorn (right photo, center) receives the first place trophy at the recent Auto Motor und Sport awards night. In the Philippines, PGA Cars, the sole importer and distributor of Audi vehicles has more than doubled its 2005 sales figures figures compared to that of the previous year.

MISS TEEN PHILIPPINES 2006 WINNERS

Miss Teen Philippines, the premier search for the prettiest teens in the country, concluded its search last June 1 at the UP Theatre. Taking home the crown is Pampanguena beauty Juliann Savard. She also took home the Ms Teen Jag award for reflecting the Jag image with the poise and glam of a true beauty queen. Other winners were Nicole Schmitz, 1st runner up, Katherine Alano, 2nd runner up, Hasel Villanueva, 3rd runner up, and Bea Villegas, 4th runner up.

MANELS OPENS NEWEST BRANCH AT SM MOA

'New' takes on a special meaning as Manels Leathergoods Corp opened its newest branch at the ground floor of the main mall, SM Mall of Asia last May 20. The Mall of Asia branch showcases the sleek, new Manels logo along with its modern 21st-century store design. The fresh, new look conveys the stylish features that can be attributed to the new Manels collections, while continuing the legacy of high quality and unmatched comfort that Manels products are known for. Shown during the store blessing are (from left): Manuel M. Siggaoat, Councilor Arvin Tolentino, Manuel V. Siggaoat, Nelia V. Siggaoat, Phoemela Baranda, and Rev. Fr. Gaylord Reyes.

Enabling young achievers to do more

JAY ALDEGUER

A NEW BREED OF INDIVIDUALS REFERRED to as "hyphenated people" has emerged over the last decade.

They got their name because they are involved in different fields, so much like the renaissance people of old.

One of them is Maybelline Te, a 30-year-old Cebuana who is an entrepreneur, furniture designer, writer and philanthropist in one.

"I'm passionate about living life to the fullest. I try to do as much as I can in different avenues where I can express my creativity and love for the arts through enriching activities. And most importantly, being the best I can be," says Te.

This single lady manages her furniture and home accessory manufacturing business while writing for her daily column in the Sun-Star Daily and Zee Magazine, staying visible in the Cebu social scene and indulging in her many interests, including travel, going to the spa, exploring food, yoga, pilates, ayurveda, charity work, fashion, antiques, reading and listening to music, surfing the net and just recently, fishing.

"I have a multitasking existence which enables me to get more out of life. Windows XP Home and Small Business help me in my daily life because they make everything convenient and easy, even for the tech challenged like me," she says.

Windows technology also enables Jay Aldeguer, 35, to manage his multiple businesses and passions.

Aldeguer is best identified with his brainchild, Islands Souvenirs, which has been such a success that Aldeguer became the youngest person to be awarded the prestigious The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) for Business Entrepreneurship.

Embodying the "hyphenated people" thinking, Aldeguer has dipped his hands in media and entertainment.

He established Escape, currently the leading events company in Cebu, and also launched CeBu! TV Channel 28, a 24-hour regional cable channel featuring programs that showcase the Queen City and its people.

Aldeguer also sits on the Board of Directors of the Cebu Chamber of Commerce, the TOYM Foundation, The Cebu Tourism Core Group and Cebu Youth Center.

He is also commissioner of the Cebu City Sports Commission. He is also currently the vice president to the Philippine Franchise Association and Philippine Retailers Association-Cebu chapter.

According to Aldeguer, throughout his work as an accomplished entrepreneur, he has leaned on technology to help him manage his businesses better.

"Technology has made life much easier for me. It gets me more organized and more efficient. I like that there are several options to customize today's technology according to my needs. It also helps that different companies are working together to make their respective products compatible with each other," he says.

Like Te and Aldeguer, 32-year-old entrepreneur cum sportsman Glenn Anthony Soco, finds value in technology. Soco is the president of Coffee Dream Inc., the Mandaue Integrated Manpower Inc., and GA Satellite Ventures Inc. He also operates Powerline Human Resources Management Inc., and is the president of the Cebu Volleyball Association.

Soco says that technology has really made the world smaller and has changed the way things are done. "Technology has a tremendous effect on me. It makes me do things faster, simpler and more effective. Technology has enabled me to achieve a lot of things and helped me realize the extent of my capacity as a person. I never would have done this much if it weren't for technology," he says.

Among the technologies which he finds useful are his Windows operating system, MSN, Internet Explorer and Outlook.

"I use Microsoft products because Microsoft has established itself as the leader of the IT industry. It's just like investing in a business. You wouldn't want to put your money somewhere unreliable. You have to choose something that has a good reputation and a reliable support group," says Soco.

GLENN SOCO

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10:00 am - 12:00 nn Product Presentation, Schneider Electric Philippines, Inc.
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the dough, mixing the flour and yeast with my bare hands. My sister would make donuts early the following morning by cooking the dough I prepared. The donuts would be sold by my mother in the public market."

In the afternoons, his mother would sell rice cakes.

Ng earned five centavos from every newspaper he sold. He would sell 20 a day, so this gave him P1. That was in the 1960s when the peso still went a long way.

"I did not really feel poor, except when I see other people and when they insult us," he says.

Despite the teasing and the insults, Ng excelled in school and graduated salutatorian in high school. He was an entrance scholar at the University of the Philippines, which meant he got free tuition and did not have to pass the entrance exam. He studied engineering.

He says it was in UP that he realized how spoiled he was with his mother. There was one time during his first semester in college that he burst into tears, realizing that he was on his own.

He lived on P120 a month, which was a huge amount his mother and sisters had to raise.

To augment his income he volunteered in the research studies of senior students. The work earned him an extra P20 a month.

MOTOROLA Taiwan in 1987 visit by Jim Norling, Motorola sector president

Career path

The four years passed quickly and soon he was working with San Miguel Corp. as a methods analyst. He says that in San Miguel, it would only take him one and a half months to the work that would normally take others three months to complete.

"I worked unmindful of the hours," Ng says of his stint in San Miguel from 1971 to 1975.

He was pirated by Concepcion Industries Inc. and became plant manager at the age of 26. He stayed there for four years.

At Intel Phils., he became operations manager. He stayed with the semiconductor firm for three years.

At Motorola Philippines, he became its first Filipino president and general manager. After three years, he became the country manager of Motorola Taiwan.

His success did not stop there. He was made head of operations of Motorola Kuala Lumpur, which is the firm's most complex manufacturing site.

It was not long before Amkor got him and he stayed with the firm from 1992 to 2001.

Again, Ng became the first Filipino managing director of Amkor Technolgy Philippines, a subsidiary of Amkor Technolgy Inc., the world's largest outsourced manufacturer in semiconductor.

Ng retired at age 52. But he still took on a lighter job as CEO of CIIF Oil Mill. In 2004, he set up the EMS CEO Consulting Group with "close CEO associates" and started their own new product line in electronics.

One time, Licuanan invited him to look at the power problems at Clark. He made a few suggestions which the official apparently liked. Thus he ended up with CDC.

Today, Ng travels almost four hours each day to go to work. He says he still has a daughter who is studying so he cannot locate in Clark. But he says he does not mind. He is also aware that he serves at the pleasure of the President and that he may lose his job at anytime. But he also does not mind that.

One thing is sure—nobody will look down on him because of his last name.

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L.A. 466.00 sqm.
Lot 2-P-2 Anahaw St. Pob.
Minimum Bid Price 1,505,000.00
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LOT 12 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 375.00 sqm.
F.A. 74.00 sqm.
Lot 414-B-1-A-8 Sanel Subd., Magpet,
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L.A. 204.00 sqm.
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MAKILALA
LOT 14 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 300.00 sqm.
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Lot 4-P-6 Gasalan Subd., Purok 8, Pob. Makilala.
Minimum Bid Price 250,000.00
MATALAM
LOT 15 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 51,371.00 sqm.
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LOT 16 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 833.00 sqm
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WITHDRAWN
LOT 17 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 1,423.00 sqm.
F.A. 78.00 sqm.
Lot 10097-A Bandiola Subd., Brgy. Inas, M'Lang,
Minimum Bid Price 623,000.00
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LOT 18 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 597.00 sqm.
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Lot [illegible] St. Pob.
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Lot 2925 Pob. Tulunan,
Minimum Bid Price 405,000.00
LOT 20 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 609+618=1,227 sqm.
Lot 3300; Lot 3301 Magsaysay And Burgos Sts., Pob. Tulunan,
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LOT 21 - LOT W/ IMPRVTS
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GENERAL SANTOS
LOT 22 - VACANT LOT
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L.A. 600.00 sqm.
F.A. 126.00 sqm.
Lot 10 Blk 30 Purok San Vicente, Espina Subd., Labangal, General Santos City
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L.A. 9,564.00 sqm.
F.A. 157.00 sqm.
Lot 828-A-1 Along Guinto St., Brgy. San Isidro, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price : 3,600,000.00

LOT 25 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 14,170.00 sqm.
Lot A-2 1St Barrio, San Isidro, General Santos City
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L.A. 4,528.00 sqm.
Lot 2 Purok 2, Buayan, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price 710,000.00
LOT 27 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 2,1[illegible] sqm.
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LOT 28 - LOT W/ IMPRVTS
L.A. 540.00 sqm.
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Lot 12 Blk 1, Dbp Compound, Lagao, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price : 1,280,000.00
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L.A. 277.00 sqm.
F.A. 53.00 sqm.
Lot 893-B-4-B-7-B-7-E Morales Subd., City Heights
Minimum Bid Price 240,000.00
LOT 30 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 450.00 sqm.
F.A. 216.00 sqm.
Lot No. 5030 Camachili St., Gen. Santos
Minimum Bid Price 1,565,000.00
LOT 31 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 191.00 sqm.
Lot 4-A Sta. Cruz And San Juan Sts. Gen. Santos City
Minimum Bid Price 210,000.00
LOT 32 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 8,898.00 sqm.
Lot H Purok 2, Buayan, General Santos City
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L.A. 1,505.00 sqm.
Lot A-3-E Rivas Subd., Brgy. Calumpang, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price 305,200.00
LOT 35 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 19,973.00 sqm.
Lot 750-B Kiman Rd. Brgy. Mabuhay, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price 1,840,000.00
LOT 36 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 19,974.00 sqm.
Lot 750-E Kiman Rd. Brgy. Mabuhay, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price 1,840,000.00
LOT 37 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 10,000.00 sqm.
Lot 1-B-9 Brgy. Tambler, Gen San City
Minimum Bid Price 6,000,000.00

LOT 38 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 3,979.00 sqm.
Lot 20-D Bansil Subd., Tambler, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price : 1,275,000.00
LOT 39 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 6,789.00 sqm.
Lot 25-A Fronting Lot 39 Brgy. Fatima, Tambler, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price : 2,175,000.00
LOT 40 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 461.00 sqm.
Lot 21-I-5-E Bansil Subd., Tambler, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price : 170,000.00
LOT 41 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 10,000.00 sqm.
Lot 20-B Bansil Subd., Tambler, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price : 3,200,000.00
LOT 42 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 8,461.00 sqm.
Lot 19-C-2-B-1 Bansil Subd., Tambler, General Santos City
Minimum Bid Price 2,440,000.00
LOT 43 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 23,331.00 sqm.
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Ge[illegible] Santos City
Minimum Bid Price 4,250,000.00
WITHDRAWN
LOT 44 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 476.00 sqm.
Lot 4092, Cagampang St., Gen Santos
Minimum Bid Price : 2,860,000.00
LOT 45 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 23,331.00 sqm.
Lot 26-B-2-D Brgy. Tambler, Gen. Santos
Minimum Bid Price 4,250,000.00
POLOMOLOK
LOT 46 - LOT W/ IMPRVTS
L.A. 568.00 sqm.
F.A. 165.00 sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 6 Cannery Housing Subd., Polomolok, South
Minimum Bid Price 770,000.00
LOT 47 - LOT W/ IMPRVTS
L.A. 300.00 sqm.
F.A. 42.00 sqm.
Lot 6-Z-9-C-4-A-5 Rafiadasubd., Polomolok, South
Minimum Bid Price : 105,000.00
LOT 48 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 300.00 sqm.
Lot 13 Blk 2 Sanchez Subd., Polomolok, South
Minimum Bid Price : 120,000.00
LOT 49 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 300.00 sqm.
Lot 9 Blk. 2 Sanchez Subd. Polomolok South
Minimum Bid Price : 120,000.00
LOT 50 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 300.00 sqm.
Lot 16 Blk 2 Sanchez Subd., Polomolok, South
Minimum Bid Price : 120,000.00

STO. NIÑO
LOT 51 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 399.00 sqm.
F.A. 167.00 sqm.
Lot 1382-B-6-K-1 Cafanza Subd., Pob., Sto. Niño, South Cotobato
Minimum Bid Price : 290,000.00
LOT 52 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 202.00 sqm.
Lot 10 Blk 2 Eborde Subd., Poblacion Sto. Niño, South
Minimum Bid Price 50,000.00
LOT 53 - VACANT LOT
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L.A. 200.00 sqm.
Lot 1383-G-I Eborde Subd., Sto. Nino South
Minimum Bid Price 50,000.00
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L.A. 974.00 sqm.
Lot 1383-E-5 Eborde Subd., Sto. Nino South
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L.A. 400.00 sqm.
Lot 1383-G-9 Eborde Subd., Sto. Nino South
Minimum Bid Price 100,000.00
LOT 63 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 200.00 sqm.
F.A. sqm.
Lot 11 Blk 3 Eborde Subd., Poblacion, Sto. Niño South
Minimum Bid Price : 50,000.00

LOT 64 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 201.00 sqm.
F.A. sqm.
Lot 5 Blk. 3 Eborde Subd., Poblacion, Sto. Niño South
Minimum Bid Price : 50,000.00
LOT 65 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 201.00 sqm.
F.A. sqm.
Lot 9 Blk. 3 Eborde Subd., Poblacion, Sto. Niño South
Minimum Bid Price 50,000.00
LOT 66 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 191.00 sqm.
F.A. sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 6 Eborde Subd., Poblacion, Sto. Niño South
Minimum Bid Price 50,000.00
LOT 67 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 380.00 sqm.
Lot 1322-B-11-J-4-E Parian Subd., Pob. Sto. Nino, South
Minimum Bid Price : 110,000.00
LOT 68 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 300.00 sqm.
F.A. 300.00 sqm.
Lot No. 1320-I Poblacion, Sto Nino, South
Minimum Bid Price 240,000.00
TUPI
LOT 69 - LOT W/ IMPRVTS
L.A. 520.00 sqm.
F.A. 130.00 sqm.
Lot 78 Nat'l. Highway, Purok 13, Poblacion, Tupi, South
Minimum Bid Price 765,000.00
ISULAN
LOT 70 - LOT W/ IMPRVTS
L.A. 600+600=1200 sqm.
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Lot 580-B-1-B & 580-B-1-C, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
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L.A. 1,491.00 sqm.
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L.A. 600.00 sqm.
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Minimum Bid Price 155,000.00
LOT 75 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 293.00 sqm.
Lot 452-C-8-C, Brgy. Sampao, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
Minimum Bid Price 75,000.00

LOT 76 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 440.00 sqm.
Lot 262-A-2-E, Purok Capitol East, Brgy. Sampao, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
Minimum Bid Price : 150,000.00
LOT 77 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 402+650=1,052 sqm.
3-F-4 & 3-G-1 Nat'l. Hi-Way, Poblacion, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
Minimum Bid Price 5,050,000.00
PRES. QUIRINO
LOT 78 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 360+450+450=1,260 sqm.
Lot 763-B-16, Lot 763-B-15, Lot 763-B-14, Purok Capitol, Pob., Pres. Quinno, Sultan Kudarat
Minimum Bid Price : 1,555,000.00
LOT 79 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 751.00 sqm.
Lot 763-B-24 Poblacion Pres. Quinno, Sultan Kudarat
Minimum Bid Price 240,000.00
TACURONG
LOT 80 - LOT W/ IMPRVTS
L.A. 388.00 sqm.
F.A. 84.00 sqm.
Lot 6744-F-4, San Pablo, Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat
Minimum Bid Price : 320,000.00
LOT 81 - LOT W/ IMPRVTS
L.A. 5,000.00 sqm.
F.A. 420.00 sqm.
Lot 566-A-1 Buenaflor, Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat
Minimum Bid Price 5,375,000.00
LOT 82 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 592.00 sqm.
F.A. 67.00 sqm.
Lot 500-A-1-F, Buenaflor Subd., Tacurong City
Minimum Bid Price : 280,000.00
LOT 83 - LOT W/ IMPRVTS
L.A. 375.00 sqm.
F.A. 75.00 sqm.
Lot 619-J-7-F-2, Purok Sampaguita, New Isabela, Tacurong City
Minimum Bid Price : 230,000.00
LOT 84 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 12,345.00 sqm.
F.A. [illegible]
Lot [illegible] New Carmen, Tacurong City
Minimum Bid Price 1,755,000.00
WITHDRAWN
LOT 85 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
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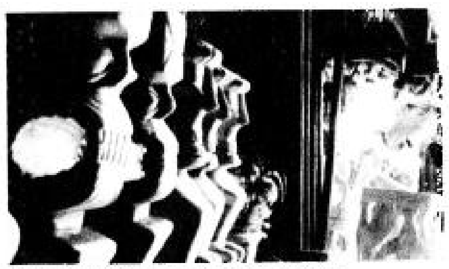
Buying a piece of Ifugao soul in Banaue



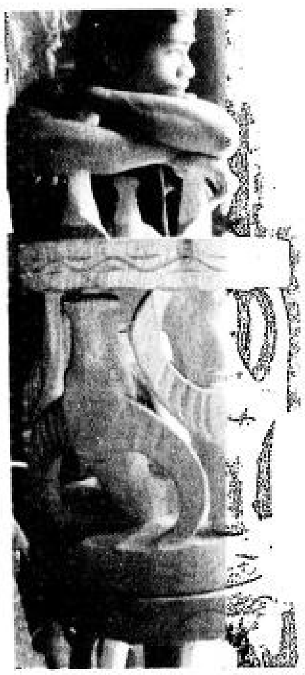
HAWAIAN icon cost P1,000 a piece.

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BANAUE, IFUGAO—THE LOCALS here say a visitor can find the soul of the ancient Ifugao in the trinkets sold in the town's many souvenir shops.

Shops abound as tourism has become a primary industry in this Cordillera town, primarily due to its centuries-old rice terraces.

Residents like Fernando Tinapay, a 35-year-old sculptor, says his generation has learned to embrace this fate because it affords them the luxury of telling the people's ancient stories through P10-key chains and P10-necklaces.



CARABAO stools are affordable at P300 each

RATTAN shoulder purse sells at P100 a piece in View Point, Banaue Rice Terraces, Banaue, Ifugao.

PHOTOS BY EV ESPIRITU/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

TOURISM has been good to poor Ifugaos.

These items can be found all over this town, available to anyone who understands that this small trade is all that keeps the younger Ifugaos from leaving their hometown.

Social activists may frown on the commercialization of the Ifugao culture, but without tourism, Tinapay says, more people would leave the province to find better jobs or a better home in other places.

The province used to be the 4th poorest province, according to the 2001 list of the country's poorest provinces. It was displaced by neighboring Mt. Province in 2005.

One reason is tourism, which seems to have made a difference in this town.

The Department of Tourism recorded 13,420 foreign visitors here between January and March this year. Many of these visitors came from China, the United States and Europe.

On top of that, domestic tourists totaled 14,591 in the first quarter of the year, the DOT said.

Local governments of Ifugao have taken stock of this trend, and are adjusting their own traditions to suit the market.

The Banaue town council passed an ordinance last year to organize a harvest festival every two years.

Old practices required residents to celebrate this festival every four years. *With a report from EV Espiritu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Pangasinan's smelly bagoong

A WORKER inspects jars filled with bagoong in barangay Pangapisan, Lingayen, Pangasinan.

PHOTOS BY RAY B. ZAMBRANO

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LINGAYEN, PANGASINAN—Whenever and wherever Ilocanos eat, chances are *bagoong* (salted fish paste) will be part of the menu, whether as dip or seasoning for vegetable broths.

And it's likely that the bagoong came from two villages in this province's capital town: Pangapisan and Maniboc.

You cannot miss the villages. The pungent aroma of the condiment will lead you to them.

Bagoong has been a part of the Ilocanos' eating habits, and the villages of Pangapisan and Maniboc have been supplying the entire Ilocandia with this exotic condiment that sometimes serves as a dish on its own.

Blas Tiangson, 72, whose family owns the Tiangson Bagoong, says he inherited his bagoong making business from his parents, who got it from their parents.

He says that according to the story passed on through generations, bagoong developed here because of the abundance of fish catch from the Lingayen Gulf. The elders decided to preserve the unconsumed or unsold fish by putting salt. Thus, bagoong was born.

But the Lingayen Gulf has ran out of fish, a victim of illegal and over fishing throughout the years. At present, about 100 bagoong makers in the two villages of Lingayen have to buy their supply from other regions, mainly from Bicol.

Tiangson says while other towns or provinces have their own bagoong making businesses, those manufactured in this town stand out because of the aroma and taste.

"No, we don't have any secrets," Tiangson says, "Except that we use the freshest fish and immediately process it. The old clay jars in which the fish is fermented could also be contributing to the special taste and aroma."

To maintain freshness, fish bought from other provinces are lightly salted right after harvest. When it reaches this town, salt is again added to reach the desired level of saltiness.

Tiangson says they use a can of salt for every two cans of fish.

But Lily Palisoc, who owns JE's Bagoong, says the rule of thumb is that one should touch the salted fish. If it feels coarse, then it is has enough salt.

Tiangson says bagoong-making uses a "very simple technology" of mixing the right amount of fish and salt and even food coloring.

All one has to do is wait for the mixture to ferment.

The Bureau of Food and Drugs, Palisoc says, has recommended only one brand of food coloring for bagoong.

Depending on the fish used, the fermentation can take from three to six months. But the boneless kind may take a year, Tiangson says.

Among the fishes used to make bagoong are *dilis* (long-jawed anchovy), small *galunggong* (round scud), *caballas* (striped mackerel), *terong* (similar to anchovy) and *padas* (siganid fry).

Other processors make *alamang* paste (tiny shrimps), which is still available in the Lingayen Gulf but is difficult to ferment, Palisoc says.

Bagoong-making brings jobs to villagers.

While mainly household-based, each manufacturer employs from 10 to 50 people.

In the past few years, some innovations have been introduced by bagoong makers to market their product.

Demetria Macam, owner of DM Bagoong, developed the boneless kind in bottles after a client ordered only the bagoong sauce, without the fish.

DM Bagoong is the only direct exporter of bagoong in the province.

The other bagoong makers followed Macam's example.

"[The boneless bagoong] has a market. City folk who want to pour bagoong from the bottle, without the fish, prefer the boneless bagoong," Tiangson says.

Last year, JE's Bagoong joined the world of *tingi* (retail) and put different bagoong products in sachets.

Palisoc says her daughter Ginalyn thought of putting bagoong in sachets, just the way vinegar and mayonnaise are packaged in small quantities.

Ginalyn, 29, is a marketing graduate who is interested in introducing innovations to the generations-old bagoong business, Palisoc says.

The sachets are perfect for picnics and for those on a budget.

Sold in sachets are *bagoong padas* (salted siganid fry), *patis* (fish sauce), boneless *bagoong* (fish paste), *bagoong dilis* (salted anchovy), and *ginisang alamang* (sauted tiny shrimps).

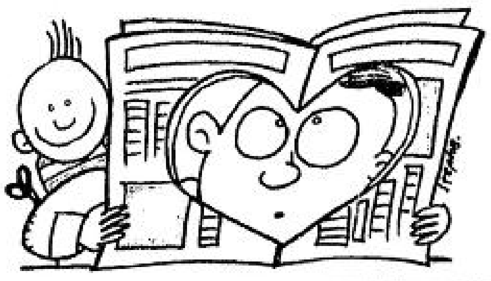
JE's Bagoong is so far the only one selling the condiment in sachets.

But Tiangson says it is still the "old-style" bagoong that is their best seller.

BOTTLED bagoong are on display at a factory in barangay Pangapisan in Lingayen, Pangasinan.

A WORKER pours bagoong in bottles to be sold in the market.

A MAN mixes bagoong and salt at a bagoong factory in barangay Pangapisan, Lingayen, Pangasinan.



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More 'What I've learned from Dad' /D1-D3

From Dad, with wit, wisdom and then some

COUNT ON DAD TO KNOW WHAT TO SAY AT the exact moment it needs to be said. Children may run to Mom when they need TLC, but it seems the Big Guy is the one who gives them the rules when they're confused about the game of life. So much darn good advice from fathers is within our pages today, thanks to the community of INQUIRER readers who wrote us about what their papas taught them.

Not surprisingly, the paternal guidance that our respondents mostly remember —and keep to heart, so they say—pertains to faith in God, devotion to family and pursuit of education. Some dads didn't use words but taught by example, living their lives with integrity and honesty. "I wonder what advice corrupt fathers—either government officials or private persons—give their children who are aware of what their fathers are doing," writes one reader. Our thanks to all of you who shared the lessons you've learned from your daddies. Unfortunately, as hard as we've tried to find space for all of that fatherly love and wisdom, we can only print some. Here's to dads—yours and ours!

[illegible] circumstance more bearable, and a sense of humor will carry you through most anything." —Joanna Preysler, owner of TNC, daughter of Nicky Jacinto

To stand my ground, be mad when I need to be and be hurt when I need to hurt. My dad has always told me that being soft wouldn't get me anywhere. —**Kat Vargas** of Makati City

That it's never too late to go back to school. Even after I graduated from college and I was contented with my job, my father urged me to take up a graduate degree. One evening I told my father I planned to take up MA Literature. He was so delighted that he enrolled with me. (He already has an MBA.) My dad and I are now on our sophomore year in graduate school. But I must admit the pressure is now double. Not only do I have to work hard to get good grades; I also have live up to Dad's expectations. But nobody said that having your dad as your classmate would be easy. —**Tet Defensor** of the Manila Times School of Journalism

When I was a boy of 6 or 7, we would hear a neighbor chopping meat in the middle of the night which, according to my Tatay, is sourced from stolen cows from remote barrios. He proudly told me that we, his children, are never fed with stolen food but with harvest from our small farm. He advised me *na hindi ko rin pakakainin ng galing sa masama ang aking magiging pamilya*, which to this day I have taken heed of. —**Mamerto L. Garcia** of Tanauan City

That not everything I do will turn out right. Failures must not cause me to despair but I must use them as stepping stones to success. —**Duoi Ampilan** of Cotabato City

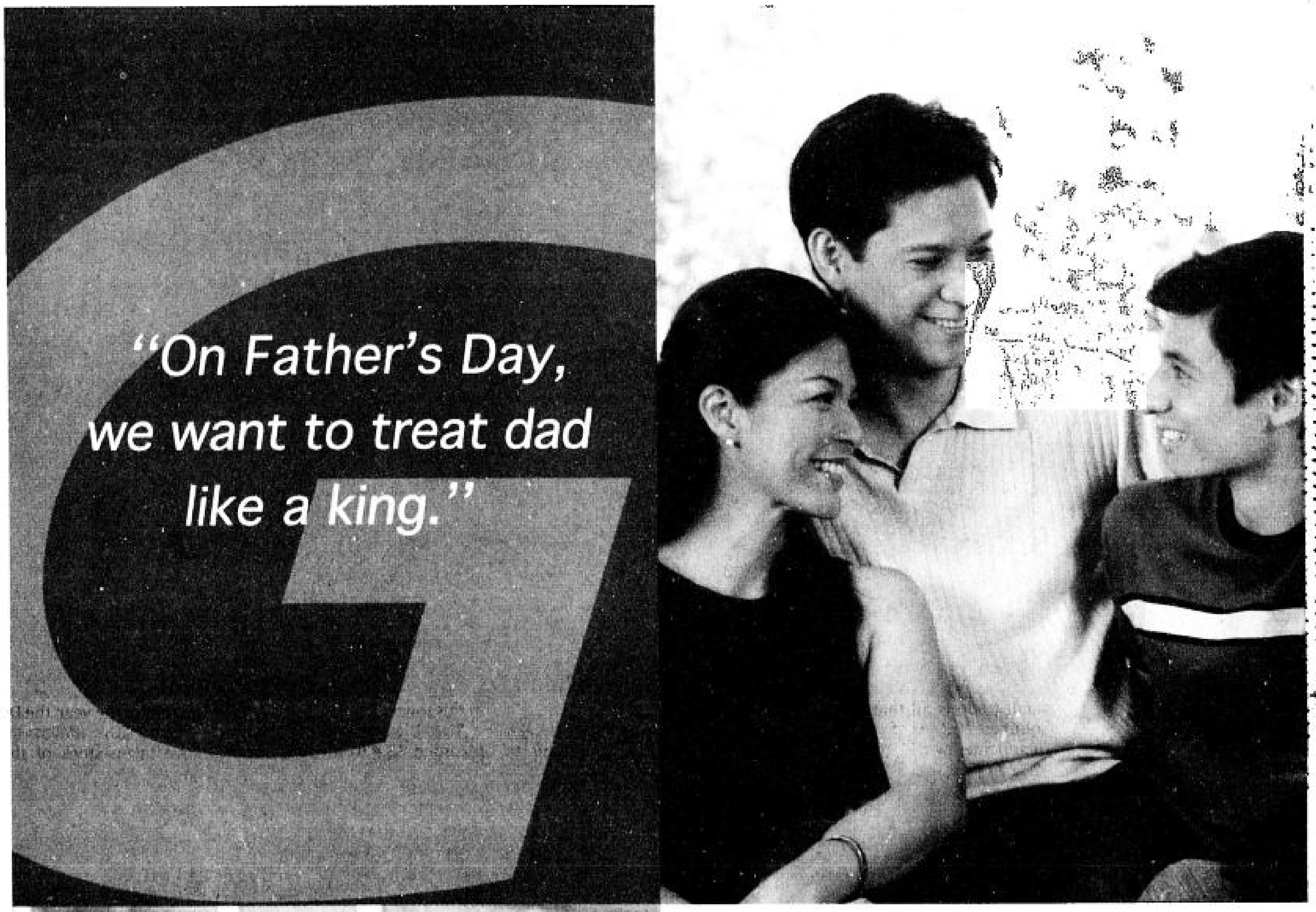
He is a good example—that may be the reason none of us has been into drugs, smoking and other vices, none has been into trouble. —**Zabide D. Andie** of Kidapawan City

My father's advice to me: "*Kung san ka masaya, dun ka,*" do what you want, don't let anyone affect your decision when you know that you will be happy... If you realize your decision is wrong, quit and move on. —**Rizalina S. Bagalay** of Pansol Balara, QC

To be independent. My father made sure my sister and I could drive by the time we reached 18. He made sure we cleaned the car, took care of it and brought it to the service center by ourselves. If we had plans to go out with friends,

FROM DAD/ C2

Integrity. Integrity. And integrity. —**Dave Celdran of ANC, son of King King Celdran**



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From Dad, with wit, wisdom and then some

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then we had to find means to put gas in his car. Maybe to some it was just a usual father-daughter arrangement, but in our case, it taught us to be independent, never to take advantage of others, and to cultivate entrepreneurial skills: I had to bake goodies and sell them so I could have gas money. —**Rica Dimayuga** of Roxas City, Capiz

Do good. Be honest. Keep your word even if others cannot or will not. —**Ma. Chetoni Luna-Marpuri** of Orani, Bataan

The more blessed you are, the more humble you should be. We may not have a lot, what is important is that we have integrity in everything we do. —**Jean Paul Manuud** of Italianni's

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. —**Hernanita T. Edillon** of Parañaque City

My father earned a lot of respect when he refused to read my personal letters even though they were practically shoved at him. He trusted me... It is a simple lesson that most parents neglect. —**Julliane Sy** of Legazpi City

No matter how poor we are, do not steal. Feed your family through your effort, strength, industry and brain. Be a man of your word, with or without signed papers. Love your neighbor for they are more than a brother to you who live in a distant place. Praise God above all. —**Antonio H. Noval Sr.** of Bayugan, Agusan del Sur

You can't gain anything if you don't sacrifice. —**Venus Velasco** of Cabuyao, Laguna

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. —**Jennifer B. Duldulao** of Pag-asa, QC

To study hard to succeed in my plan of becoming a civil engineer someday. He is always concerned about my situation, even asks if I've had a snack. —**Danz Inchoco** of Davao City

To open up about your problems while still in the early stage. To always find time for yourself and family. In everything we do, he always reminds us that we should never forget to pray to our heavenly Father. —**Ma. Carlota N. Santos** of Cagayan de Oro City

Don't smoke, drink lightly, be physically fit (unfit lifestyle affects your mental, emotional and spiritual well-being), don't do drugs, keep the love for the poor in your heart, be responsible, always pray and ask for guidance (because God always listens) and in everything you do, try your hardest and don't quit. —**Arizandro C. Esmeña** of San Pablo City

How to be simple, how to show maturity by stepping back and thinking where the other person is coming from, and how to allow people to grow by letting them make their own decisions while showing them that you care. —**Debbie Duque** of Parañaque City

That a person's integrity is beyond compromise. And because he died at the age of 42, I was determined that, like him, I would love my family deeply, treasure my friends, enjoy wonderful food, travel often, and live my life well. Sans regret. —Wynn-wynn Ong, jewelry designer, daughter of Hla Nyunt

My dad is the reason I became a doctor. He thought of medicine as such a noble profession. He was also someone who really took care of his looks. He would agree to try all my skincare concoctions. To show how much he trusted and believed in my capabilities, he even volunteered to be the first to have a liposuction under me. —Vicki Belo, "doctor to the stars," daughter of the late lawyer Enrique M. Belo

It's not important if the girl loves the man she marries; what's important is that the man loves her; you can all go hungry except the dog; the only thing I can leave you is a good name; it is easier to spend than to earn. —**Tricia N. Pribhdas** of Novaliches, QC

To finish my studies before having a girlfriend... and improve my career as media man. —**Danjo Revilla** of Tagum City

To be honest and to be confident to face life. He brought us up in this world as best he could. —**Joyce Pedregosa** of Parañaque City

To take positively Mom's nagging. In high school, I was always told by Mom to study hard, to choose my friends wisely, and remember all the good-manners-and-right-conduct quotes. I would get irritated by her nagging, but my father would reprove me. He would tell me he and Mom always meant well. That they wanted the best for their children. Oh, how true!—Sylvia Daaca Vaguchay of Cagayan de Oro City

To wake up each day with a smile and with the thought that problems, as they come, are not wrapped with the solution. Instead they bring new lessons as I discover the solution. Life isn't hard, we create the complications. —**Dona Cruces** of Laoag City

Put God first; money is not everything. —**Joseph Grino** of Jaro, Iloilo City

To respect others as you respect your parents. —**Antonio Miguel Simpliciano** of Puerto Princesa, Palawan

When asked regarding major decisions, Pap's advice is always, "Do what makes you happy. *Susuportahan naman kita.*" —**Caleen Chayungco** of Marikina City

The best advice my late father gave me was what he wrote for me on my 18th birthday: "Life is like a ladder, one step following the other. And there is no turning back. As you enter the threshold of womanhood, walk always with grace, beauty, honesty, integrity, wisdom and plenty of foresight." It has been my guiding principle since. —**Luchi Javellana Elumba** of QC

We were once so poor but Dad told us never to be ashamed of it for we would soon conquer poverty if we studied hard and pursued college degrees. He taught us, his four daughters, to always persevere and support each other. —**Narcisa Pasludos-Bernabe** of Asingan, Pangasinan

To take responsibility for my actions. But he didn't say it in words, he left clues for me to understand. —**Thea of Manog** of Dipolog City

Always believe in yourself. —**Reynato Moraga** of Meycauyan, Bulacan

Dad never fails to say, "Be alert" and "Careful, careful." And when I heed his advice, I always feel I'm in safe hands, his loving hands, even when he's away from me. —**Marika Bernardo** of Las Piñas City

My adoptive father, Bobby Cericos, taught me that life is lifeless if not lived for others. —**Aida D. Guesdan** of Antipolo City

To be responsible enough to be able to handle things in life. —**Donna Seachon** of San Juan

Papa's dedication to our family strengthened my faith in noble sacrifice unhampered by loss and nurtured by compassion. Because of him I dream of raising a loving family of my own as fitting tribute to the man who poured his heart and soul into a good, meaningful life for us. —**Albert Edison Ang** of Davao City

He taught us to never make poverty or disappointment an excuse not to pursue our dreams with the fiercest of hearts. —**Aissa Ang** of QC

To set good examples for my brother and sisters because they imitate all my actions.—**Joyce F. Constantino** of QC

The best advice he gave me was when I was blindly in love: To open my eyes and see how a guy relates to other people, his female relatives (mom, grandmom, sisters) and even the waitress because chances are that's the way he'll treat me in the future. —**Genevieve Andrada** of San Juan

To be faithful and loyal, to be true to my word and heart because there lies trust and my credibility. —**Engelbert Tiu** of Barugo, Leyte

Generosity. Despite the crises in this life, my father never fails to be selfless. —**Annely Sungahid** of Bukidnon

To be honest and sincere to myself and every person I deal with, and to always apply the old saying, "Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." —**Daisy C. Caguitquit** of Capiz

Tatay was a meat vendor in Quinta Market with only an elementary education. He was always dressed in neatly pressed polo and pants, and smelled of cologne and pomade. He used to tell me that one should always look and smell good, even if one doesn't have much money... When a person looks good, he projects himself as being capable and on top of things. I believed him. I rarely go out with creased clothes. —**Hja. Marina B. Wahab** of Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao

I was 17 when I thought I was going to quit school. Tatay went up to my room to tell me that whatever I do, be it out of anger or spite for my parents, at the end of the day I would have to live with my actions and my decisions because it's my life, not theirs. I went back to school the next day. —May-i Fabros of QC

Never underestimate anybody whatever status they may have in life. Always put yourself in their position and treat them the way you want to be treated. —**Mary Fatima R. Asma, M.D.** of QC Gen. Hospital

My father is a carpenter, a silent type of man who hardly ever talks to his children. One night, he saw me gazing up the evening sky, and much to my surprise told me: "If you are to build something, just give 20 percent effort so you can be 80 percent satisfied." —**Dennis Vincent Salubo** of Malaybalay City, Bukidnon

To be prudent and frugal, to always practice profit with honor in business and to build a good name that I can pass on from generation to generation. —Ricky Dee of Foodlink Group, son of Amado Dee

The inestimable value of time. He has told me time and again that I must do the best I can all the time because I do not know when the hands of time shall put an end to my earthly existence. —**Meliza Paola L. Figueroa** of Masantol, Pampanga

To value education because whatever happens nobody can steal it from us wherever, however and whenever. —**Lily Ann Paatan** of Baguio City

My *tatay* was a product of a youthful error, lived almost all of his life never experiencing the real love of a family until we came. He was a good *tatay kahit hindi niya naranasan magkaroon ng tatay*. He inspired me by being brave in any situation. —**Cj Castro** of Bayambang, Pangasinan

To work with honesty and diligence, to value people and relationships with sincerity, to share without measure, understand without prejudice, love without conditions, forgive but without first correcting, to be hopeful, thankful, and never to stop dreaming and believing. —**Marivi Flores** of Handyman

To value work and to persevere. Most of all, my father gave us his selfless love. —**Fernando C. Pareja** of Davao City

Learn how to adapt.
—April Reyes of Bulacan

To cultivate character. My father is a strict person but with a big heart. He disciplines us not with the rod but with the heart. He talks to us and takes time to explain why some things are not allowed. He tells us to be respectful, loving, obedient and, most of all, God-fearing children. He always reminds us that fame and money are not important. What's important is character. —**Charles Kevin L. Bataga** of Koronadal City

To be independent. I'm going to college next year in the US. Last month, my family went to California to check the schools. In the apartment where we stayed, my dad taught us how to cook, do the laundry, iron the clothes. He made us experience what it's like to live independently. —**Gianna Villavicencio** of QC

To work with a cheerful heart. My "da-de" has always urged us to stop complaining when doing chores. He himself practices what he preaches. He doesn't complain when he fixes breakfast for us at 4 a.m. and brings us the morning broadsheet for us to read. —**Jennica M. Sarol** of San Pedro, Laguna

That believing in God is essential. Therefore, my dad has reminded us that prayer should be a constant. So it has become a habit for me to always say a prayer of thanks for all the blessings I receive and will receive. It has been ingrained in me that everything happens only by the grace of God. —**Sunshine S. Basilio** of Makati City

To love challenges. "Never fear when dad is here" is my motto. He himself is fearless. He has urged us to love challenges and freedom. —**Junaliza H. Caparas** of Meycauayan, Bulacan

To be kind. My dad passed away on a sunny August Saturday morning. How great a dad he was! He dedicated his whole life to his family and friends. He left us not riches but life's goodness. He told us never to leave any room or space for unkindness. —**Carol Casas Chua** of Parañaque City

To always live our life according to God's will. Education is also very important for Daddy. He calls it our family's wealth. —**Judy Christine Balugo** of Pili, Davao City

To find happiness and fulfillment from the ideas we share with other people, and not from the compensation we get from work. To be loyal to the institution we work for, and not to the personalities in it. To believe that if we love our work, it will love us back. —**Maria Bella A. Marbellà** of Sorsogon City

To be grateful for all the things I receive in life, whether big or small. As a sign of my gratitude to him, I sent him a round-trip plane ticket to Manila two weeks ago. He was surprised that he would be watching the Four Aces, his favorite. We enjoyed the concert together. —**Errol Casiano** of Las Piñas City

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To be resourceful. Papa Cezar made me a MacGyver. He finished only second-year high school, but he was gifted with ingenuity. After the war, we sold coconut oil, so even the young ones were tasked to shred coconuts daily. To ease the strain, Papa devised a rotary shredder (three shredder heads welded together) powered by a stationary bike. This has evolved to the electric coconut shredder of today! During one copra-making season, he made a water sprayer out of bamboo tubes to extinguish the fire and prevent over-cooking the copra. He implanted long bamboo into the hollow of our "Antipolo system" toilet to dissipate the foul odor. This, we learned later, was biogas! Most of our kitchen and garden tools were self-fashioned and homemade. This ingenuity I learned and inherited from him so I was fortunate to receive the National Award for Outstanding Developer of Improvised Secondary Science Equipment in 1987. —**Azucena M. Mission** of Roxas District, QC

To value the more important things in life. My father used to remind me whenever I wanted to buy new clothes that "clothes don't maketh a man." He always told me never to neglect my studies, to sacrifice leisure for study and work, and always prepare for the future. —**Aimee Faith L. Egay** of Surigao City

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To obey my parents. Leaving far-flung Samar for Manila to study was my father's idea. It pained him to see me leave because I was his only girl and his pet. I cried a bucket of tears. But had I not obeyed my father, I would not have earned a college degree. —**Belen C. Docena-Asuelo** of QC

My father started as a *kargador* and later worked as cook helper in a famous restaurant. One time when the master chef was absent, he cooked for a prominent person and his dish got raves. In the early days when electricity was still scarce, he designed and made use of windmills to generate electricity in a remote area. I learned from him that having multi-skills will help you survive the hardest circumstances in life. —**Teresita Lu Vitug** of Balanga City, Bataan

To push myself always. My father is a pusher. He pushed me to go to driving school. He pushed me to attend speech and typing classes. He pushed me to pursue job offers. —**Peter Vincent V. Quetulio** of QC

That the bravery of a man is in having fear of God.—
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To be humble in all my dealings with people. He also taught me to give my clients a different set of options than what is found in the market. —Ivarluski Aseron, fashion designer, son of Ildefonso Aseron

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My dad is not the type who sits down and watches TV when at home. He helps my mom run the household. Whenever he would scold us, he would preface it with "*Noong panahon ko*... (During my time...)" You see, he lived in an age where everything had to be earned, where things should not be taken for granted. —**Paolo Salting** of Parañaque City

To live for beautiful moments. I am a daddy's girl, but my *papi* grew up under the strict eye of my military *lolo*, so my *papi* is not as demonstrative as I would want him to be. So every kiss, smile and hug he gives me is stored in a memory box which I tenderly keep close to my heart. I get a kick out of these because Dad acts as if he doesn't want to hold me tight, but in his eyes I can see he also lives for moments like these. —**Isabel S. Liganor** of QC

To appreciate life. "*No llores por aber perdido el sol porque las lagrimas no te dehan ver las estrellas* (Do not cry for having lost the sun, for the tears will make you fail to see the stars)." When I was young, my father made me memorize this Spanish saying when I cried about a broken toy. As I grew older and encountered trials, I realized that the advice gave me a better appreciation of life and pushed me to value things normally taken for granted. Last year, my father died. The memory of his advice didn't ease the pain of losing him. But it made me grateful for five beautiful children, a loving husband and all the wonders of life. —**Veronica Baluyut-Jimenez** of Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City

To have focus, determination and discipline. My dad firmly believes that in order for one to give his best, one has to have these three. He says that life is filled with ups and downs. What is important is that in everything we do, we have to put our whole mind, body and soul into each endeavor. Win or lose, success or failure... what matters most is that we give it our best shot... 101 percent at all times. This gives little room for regrets and plenty of space for learning and growing. —**Shannen Fay J. Sibya** of Antipolo

To be the best that my sisters and I can be in every way. I can vividly recall Dad's words when I got a 1.0 in one of my law subjects during my first year. He said, "I told you you can do it if you really try." He also taught us to help people in need but never broadcast it. "In the end, good begets good," he said. —**Tishaniña L. Santiago** of San Mateo, Rizal

To have a sense of responsibility. My dad trained me how to come up with a well-thought-out decision. He told me to face the consequences of the decision I make. He also taught me to give the best in everything I do. He himself was a perfectionist. He likewise taught me to be humble, to value integrity and honesty, and to always have God in my heart. —**Imma M. Kaamino** of Cebu City

He unknowingly taught me to do whatever it is I want to do because we will all die eventually anyway. —Adam Kapow of Manila

To think twice before quarreling. My father taught me and my siblings that to quarrel and later make peace was foolish. "So why bother to start a fight?" he asked. So I learned to be patient with my siblings and cousins whenever we had misunderstandings and to be the master of my emotions so as not let them overwhelm me. He also taught me to appreciate pain and suffering for these will only make me stronger and a better person. —**Stephen Norries A. Padilla** of Baliuag, Bulacan

To be brave. On Oct. 1, 1995, at 6 a.m., we woke up to strong rains and rising flood waters. It all happened so fast. I got to call my dad on the cell phone before it fell into the lahar waters. At 8 a.m. we were on a neighbor's rooftop with several other families and stayed there overnight under the rain. In the morning the sky cleared and from a distance we saw what looked like a floating banana trunk, but clinging to it was my dad who was navigating it against the current. He and the men then built a raft out of the banana trunks which got us to safety. He was already 68. —**Lina Marie Carreon Sabay** of Lipa City, Batangas

I was at a loss on what to take up for college. I asked Dad and his answer was simple: "*Ang pinakagwapo na kurso ay 'kurso-nada'* (The best course is the one where your passion lies)." What he told me was to follow my dream. And I did just that. —**Jirah Rae S. Taojo** of Davao City

***Pay attention to the small things in life.* —Mon Isberto, head of public affairs, PLDT and Smart, son of Col. Leandro Isberto**

To maintain your integrity even if others fall short of the ideal. My father was a man of the highest integrity. Bankers would grant him loans or let him open L/Cs at whatever amount without collateral because they knew that when he promised something, he would do it at whatever cost just so to keep that promise. He couldn't say no to friends especially when they were in need. He had the greatest shock of his life when his best friend, who was like a brother to him, cheated him of a large sum of money and left the country, leaving behind debts. My mom asked Dad, "Why don't you get a TV or a stereo from the things he has left like what the others are doing so that at least you could get some compensation for your loss?" My dad replied, "Mama, I will not be a vulture. Never mind if we were cheated by others as long as we are not the cheaters. Our lives will never get worse than those who have cheated us." When Dad died of cancer, the church was filled with people who were from the highest echelon of the local Chinese community. They wanted to pay their last respects to a man whose integrity was impeccable.—**Bonita Ongtengsiem** of San Juan, Metro Manila

My dad always found contentment in any situation. That is one thing I always remind myself of whenever I feel restless. —**Lisa Ronquillo** of the Bistro Group of Restaurants

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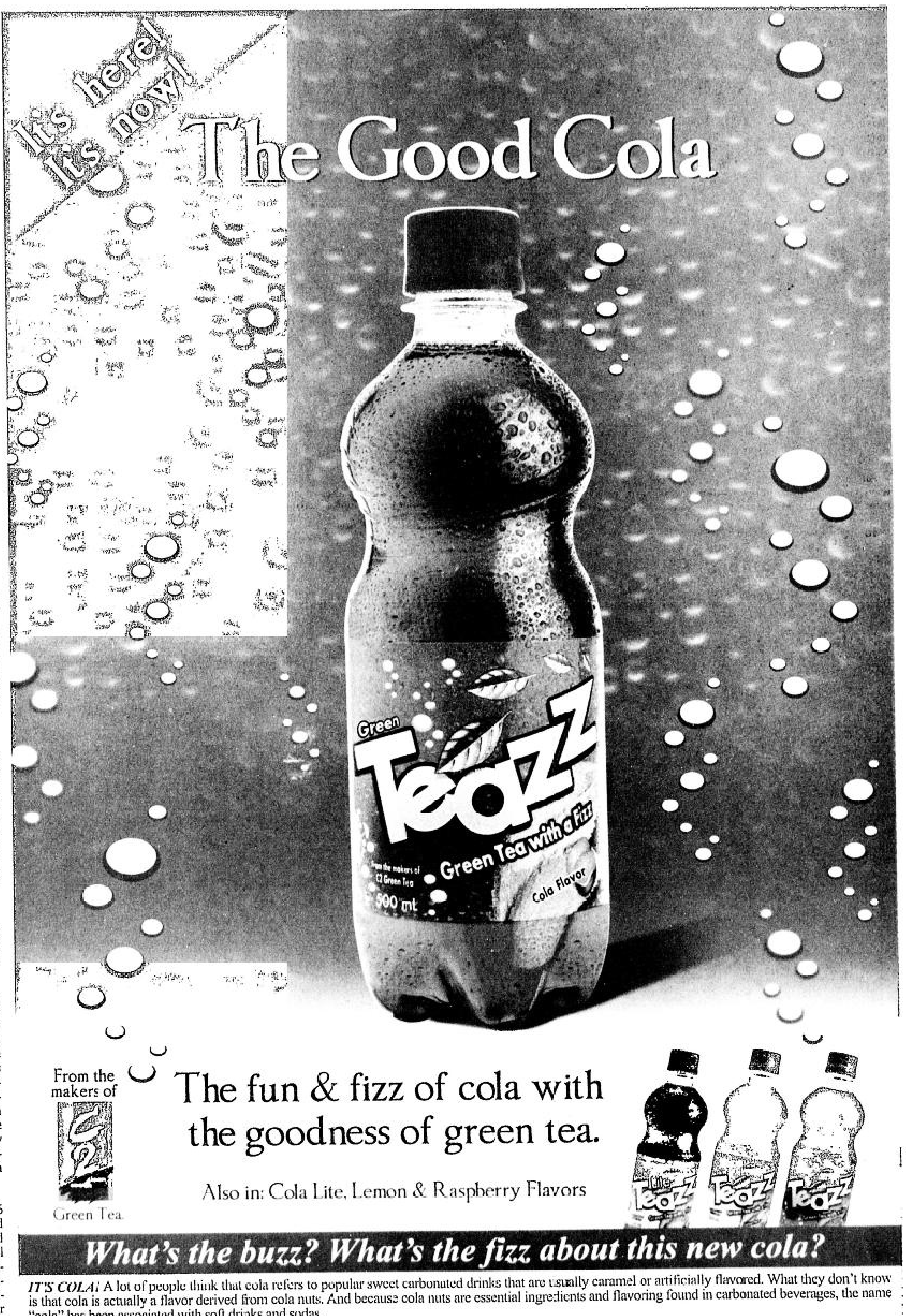
***My father taught me to always treat people with dignity and respect.* —Jigs Mayuga, L'Oreal Paris' chief makeup artist, son of Matt Mayuga**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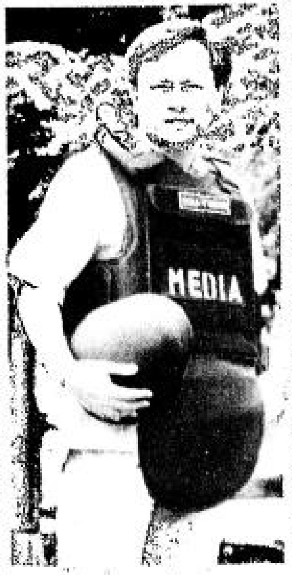

Never force anything.
—Howie Severino of GMA 7, son of Rodolfo Severino Jr.

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That poverty is not a hindrance to achieve one's goal in life. My father was very young during WWII, and yet he helped his parents and siblings by buying and selling dried fish secretly. He took all odd jobs to earn for his family. He just finished fourth grade but he was my tutor until high school. He helped my mother put up a *kakanin* business that enabled them to send us to college. He's not perfect, but I've also learned that perfection is not a prerequisite to being a loving and lovable person. —**Dr. Jovita L. Movillon** of UP Los Baños, Laguna

To value education because whatever happens nobody can steal it from us wherever, however and whenever. —**Lily Ann Paatan** of Baguio City

To remember that "what you are is God's gift to you, and what you do with what you are is your gift to God."—Didi Sarmiento

To live as Og Mandino says: "Avoid boasting. If you see anything in you that puffs you with pride, look closer and you will find more than enough to make you humble." —**Neil Rumbaoa**

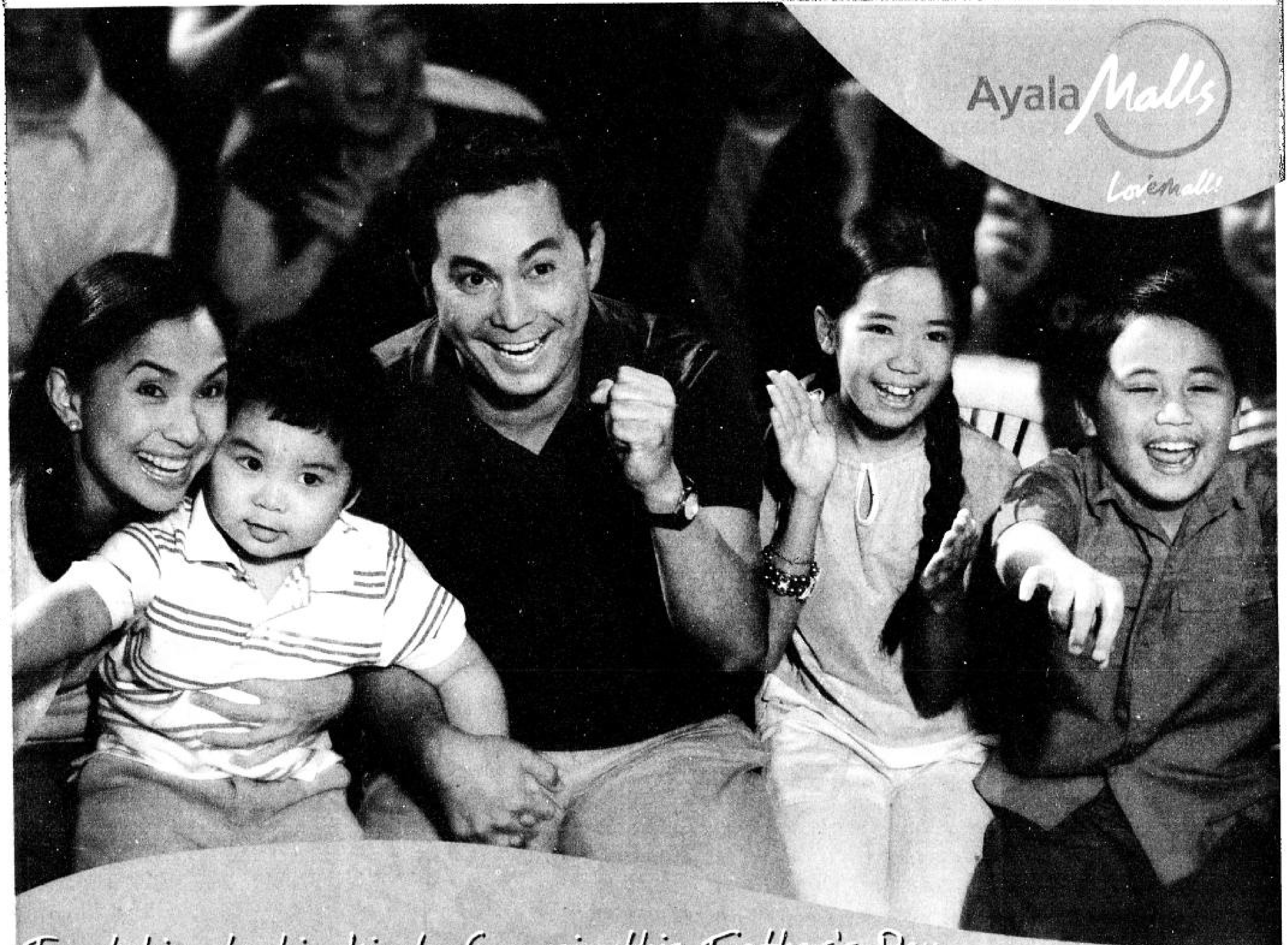
My father has been gone for almost 16 years now. He died when I was 2, but he taught me very well... A person's absence can teach a whole lot more than a person's wise words which are usually ignored or less listened to. My dad has taught me to discover his important lessons on my own. —**Daniela Marie Delgado**

Kung iinom, huwag magpakalasing. Be sure *na makakalakad ka pa pauwi ng bahay.* —**Edward P. Gueriba** of Calabanga, Camarines Sur

Whenever you are lost, go back to the basic and you will find the right way. I was in fifth grade then, the following year I lost him. Before I perceived this advice to be related only to math problems. I always asked him to teach me whenever I did not know what to do with those x's and y's. He said I should just think of the mother formula and basic concept and then I could solve the problem. As I grew older and learned of life's realities—vices, confusions, temptations I think about my family—basic unit of society. When I go home and see my nanay, my siblings and their children, I've realized what my priorities are and know how to say no to temptations. Indeed, my dad's advice is a wise one. Then it guided me when I got lost in math. Now it guides me when I get lost in daily life. —**Derek Perez** of Procter and Gamble

To live a life of hard work, honesty and integrity. Having grown up without a father, since my grandfather passed away when he was still very young, my father persevered and, in time, was rewarded the honor of being a steward of the law of the land as an associate justice of the Supreme Court. —**Didi Lopa**

That it's good to have big dreams because they will make you work harder to achieve them. He was a very generous, no-compromise kind of dad.— Leica Carpo, daughter of Morris Carpo



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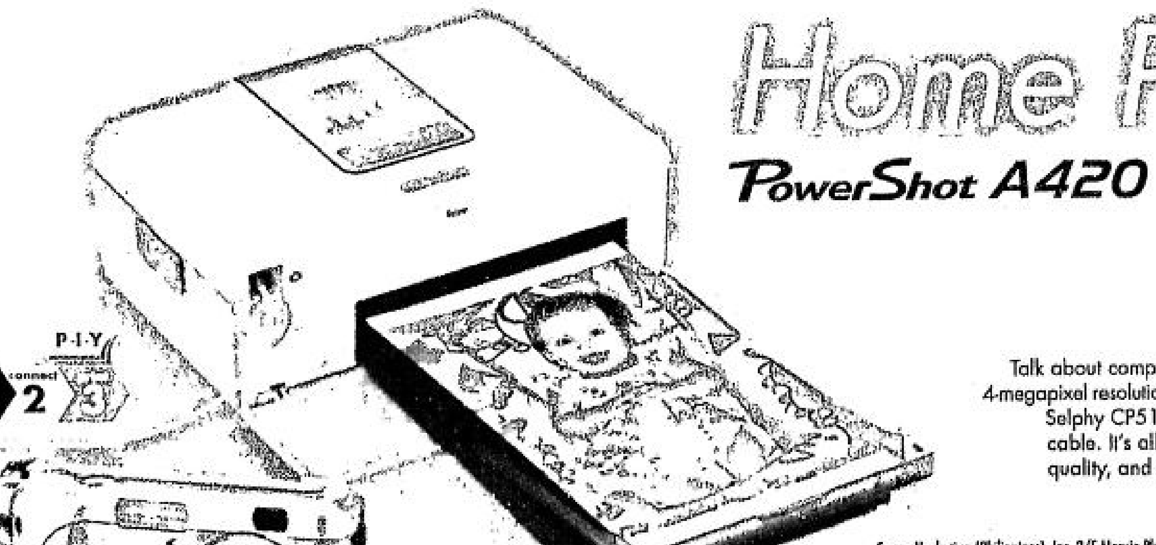

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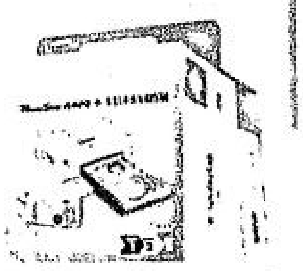

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More wit, wisdom and then some from Dad

HE LOVES SPORTS AND THAT RUBBED OFF on me. He took time to teach me to play tennis, baseball, and all sorts of sports himself. Yet he never forced or pressured me. He taught us to love what we do. In my case, he even gave me a chance to do what I love by getting me into the sports business.—**Toby Claudio of Toby's Sports, son of Roberto Claudio**

That no one will ever love you more than your family, that if the reason for all your hard work and sacrifices is your family, the journey will be inspired and noble.—**Andy Alviz of ArtiSta. Rita Foundation, son of Jose Alviz**

When the family learned of my smoking and drinking, my mother cried a bucket and threatened to stop supporting my studies. But my father's few words were what I will never forget: "*Hinay-hinay lang*" ("Slow down"). Now with pain in my joints and ulcers in my intestines, his words haunt me.—**Liberty Pinili, daughter of Lydio Pinili**

Persistent hard work leads you to success; not "pasiklab," connections, or making impressions but being a hard worker.—**Manny A. Blas II, trainer, consultant, university assistant professor and church ministry worker, son of Cenon Blas**

My mother always tells me and my brothers that in their (almost) 40 years of marriage, my father never raised his voice at her. He taught us by example.— **Jun Villanueva of Microwarehouse, son of lawyer Generoso "Oso" Villanueva**

That love of family is essential and not to be taken for granted, no matter how busy we are.—**Julie Alegrado-Vergara, president of Almont Group of Companies, daughter of Arcadio "Dodong" Alegrado**

That in this world, in order to succeed, you must delay your gratification; that you must do what's right no matter what, for if life doesn't favor you at first, in God's perfect time, it will.—**Chichi Atienza, daughter of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza**

To take care of your business as you would take care of your spouse. If you neglect them for one day, they will neglect you for a month. This, I learned, is applicable to all other things that are valuable to me as well—employees, friends, family, suppliers, business partners.—**Miguel Alba of Alba Restaurant, son of Don Anastacio de Alba**

Be careful what you pray for. God answers our prayers. You weren't kidding, Tatay!—**Bennii Obaña, drummer of Barfly and Overdrive, son of Godofredo E. Obaña**

[He said] while we are still here, you should keep on trying, in terms of establishing your own business, because no matter what happens your mom and I will always be here to help you get back on your feet.—**Ferdinand Ong, son of Antonio Ong**

That you can do anything you set your mind to. He taught me to be aware of the present, of the now. Guess he knew he had a dreamer on his hands and he had to teach me to be grounded, to be in the "present tense" of things.—**Christopher Paris Lacson, son of Alexander Lacson Jr.**

Pray in need and in gratitude. By my dad's example, he has taught me the immeasurable wealth that kindness, hard work and a simple life can bring.—**Laine Santana of HSBC, daughter of Louie Laudico**

The most important lesson my father taught me dawned on me while he was in a coma, after he and my mom figured in a car accident in the US early this year. That is to love openly, to say it and show it... A week after the unfortunate accident he passed away. I wasn't even able to say how much I love him.—**Harriet Ybañez, daughter of Absalon Ybañez**

Commitment, respect, discipline, simple joys, hard work and saving for a rainy day are the most important lessons I learned from my father. I also admire how he religiously continues to respect the Chinese tradition. He taught us the value of work, dignity and saving for the future; to be self-reliant and engage in hobbies like assembling cars... and work on crafts. —**Lizanne Uychaco, daughter of Domingo Uychaco**

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***If you think you know everything, you will never learn.* —Rina Go of Viseversa, daughter of Henry T. Go**

***To dream big and work hard because nothing comes easy in this world.* —Therese Coronel of Cinderella, daughter of Eduardo Coronel**

***To do my best in whatever I do. Never to worry because worrying never solved anything. That it's later than you think and therefore aim for goals beyond my existing resources and capabilities.* —Atom Henares, of NU 107, son of Larry Henares**

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More wit, wisdom and then some from Dad

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I learned from my dad about integrity in the profession. He lived by an internal standard that was singularly uncompromising.—**Eric Soriano, son of lawyer Enrique Soriano Jr.**

That success is always a function of sacrifice. When faced with hard times, my dad had the fortitude to persevere. His attitude was "Never say die!"—**Lex Ledesma, son of Alex Ledesma**

To stand on your own two feet. At the end of the day, you have no one else to rely on other than yourself, therefore it's important that you help yourself—I overheard him say this to my younger brother just the other day and I have to admit it really hit me hard.—**Bryanboy of Bryanboy.com**

Hard work, simplicity and humility, service to God and fellowmen.—**Bobby Novenario, fashion designer/entrepreneur, son of Roberto Alas Novenario Sr.**

To give value and respect to the elders because whether we like it or not we, too, will get old and we'll expect to be treated the same.—**Olé Morabe, fashion designer, son of Rosauro Morabe**

To discern and appreciate beauty in the most simple things.—**Dita Sandico Ong, fashion designer, daughter of Fernando H. Sandico**

When the family learned of my smoking and drinking, my mother cried a bucket and threatened to stop supporting my studies. But my father's few words were what I will never forget: "*Hinay-hinay lang*" ("Slow down"). Now with pain in my joints and ulcers in my intestines, his words haunt me.—**Liberty Pinili, daughter of Lydio Pinili**

Best advice: Know your limits. Lesson: Plant seeds and you'll harvest.—**Diego Mapa, son of Modesto Mapa**

To never ever steal from someone, that work with integrity is more important than striking it big.—**Patrick Pesengco, son of James Pek**

To never trust a guy who has the gall to put you down in front of your very own parents.—**Rosa Villanueva, daughter of Kiko Villanueva**

To be a student forever. It was less an invitation to be a lifelong bum and live on an allowance but more a call to embrace a love for discovering something new every day and never being afraid to say, "I don't know." The most important lesson my dad gave me: "Wear neat underwear." He taught this by example. The man personally irons his *sando* and boxers daily. —**Mona Magno-Veluz, daughter of Carlo Magno**

To give and to give until it hurts and expect nothing in return. He also carved into my heart the Golden Rule—never do to others what I don't want done unto me—by these two principles I try my best to live my life.—**Rosario de la Rosa Pastor, daughter of Severino de la Rosa**

In his meek and quiet way, he ingrained in all his children the virtues of simplicity and "groundedness." He discouraged brash and arrogant behavior from his family, including and most of all, friends and boyfriends. He showed us how to recognize and appreciate the simple joys in everyday living, the value of quiet jubilation and the true meaning of contentment. —Tweetie de Leon-Gonzalez, model/entrepreneur, daughter of Modesto David de Leon

At age 16, when my dad was giving me driving lessons, he asked me to stop at an intersection and keep my foot on the brakes while he motioned to the PUJ drivers zigzagging their way through traffic. "Always give way to people who make a living by driving," he said. "They are only trying to earn more because they have a family waiting to be fed."—Anne Pamintuan of Movement 8, daughter of the late Felix R. Tiukinhoy, Sr.

To be grateful for pain because it lets us know we're still alive.—**Zane Ronquillo, daughter of Antonio Ronquillo**

To always do your best. My lack of resources should never stop me from reaching my dreams but rather it is the best scenario to be creative and find ways to achieve it.—**Monibel Tabora-Dychiao, daughter of Ronnie P. Tabora**

I come from family of teachers and education has always been the priority of my family. My father would always remind us to study and no boyfriend until after college. He would always tell us that we have nothing except education. I guess this lesson has been rooted in me that I have become the person I have always wanted. I've realized why they want me to become a teacher—nothing has given me more fulfillment than seeing my former students already working. —**Angeline Limbaço, daughter of Henry Limbaco**

Every time I oversleep or wake up in the afternoon, my Pa always says, "Don't waste too much time sleeping. You'll have plenty of time for that when you die anyway." And he taught me not to be shy or feel embarrassed whenever I deal with other people. "As long as you don't beg from them the food on your table, you don't have any reason to be ashamed," he said. —**BJ Collado, son of Moises Collado**

My late father was not your stereotypical police investigator. Despite his position, my dad took the road less traveled by most men in uniform. My dad's examples taught us to be always honest, respectful, and sincere to others.—**Chris Cahilig, son of Ananias Cahilig**

"Don't look like me." My father is a heavy man and he tells me that so I'd watch my weight.—Elbert Cuenca, son of Eddie Cuenca

Never make enemies and always be friends with everyone. If someone does something bad to us, we don't have to stoop to their level and get revenge. To not be so emotional because we may get carried away and end up doing or saying things we'll later regret; being emotional is good but it's also detrimental at another level. —**Cheryl Tiu of Makati, daughter of Jerry Tiu**

He showed me humility and it's a lesson I will forever treasure. I learned from his example.—**Marissa Andal, bag designer/exporter**

Two things: To be fair, which I learned from his examples, and to always be gracious, especially when helping someone.—**Millie Dizon of SM, daughter of Siervo Dizon**

I learned many things from my dad—discipline, integrity and hard work—but the best advice my dad gave me is to value family above everything else, to always look out for each member and to work hard to protect the values they've shared with us.—**Bryan Lim of Bench, son of Ver Lim**

Before going into something you must make sure that the basic entity in your life is well taken cared of, and that's your family. There won't be fulfillment or happiness if you don't have a happy family.—**Angelo Lozada of BLSS, son of Bert Lozada**

I had wanted to be a writer and an actress but my dad advised me to instead take up business administration in UP. Now I use marketing and management principles for events that we manage, concerts or recordings we produce, contracts we negotiate, and artists and songwriters we represent.—**Angeli P. Valenciano of Genesis, daughter of Donato Tongol Pangilinan**

He taught me by example. He treated all his patients with kindness and compassion whether they be rich or poor. At home, he loved working, like cleaning our yard even if we had a gardener. The best piece of advice he gave me that continues to inspire me: "Be honest in all your undertakings" and "Love and serve your country well."—**Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan of UP, son of Dr. Jesus Javier Tan**

To remember that "With taste there is no question." —Anton Ramos of Music One, son of Fred Ramos

He would often tell us that he had no inheritance to pass on, but good education was enough to secure our future... Now a mother of two, I cannot stress enough to my own children the value of education.—**Agnes Neria-Espino of Acer Philippines Inc.**

To learn how to work while we're still young.—**Jones Campos of Globe Telecom, son of Escolastico B. Campos**

He taught me the true meaning of discipline which includes, particularly, table manners. I used to wonder what the big deal was; it's just utensils. It was only when I got older and worked [with a prestigious company] that I appreciated what a valuable lesson that was. I knew which forks and knives to use.—**Tony Rodriguez, son of Jose Carlos Rodriguez**

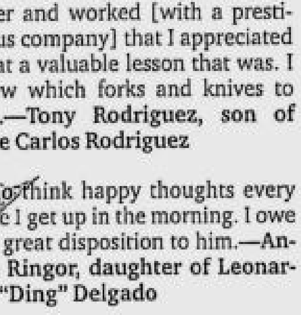
To think happy thoughts every time I get up in the morning. I owe my great disposition to him.—**Annie Ringor, daughter of Leonardo "Ding" Delgado**

Do not be afraid to make mistakes. They are the beginning of wisdom. Get up, correct yourself and do better until you become the best. Many times, people watch you fail, waiting for you to give up. But these failures are exactly the golden moments of opportunity that have led to destruction for the foolish, to great discovery and triumph for the wise.—**Dr. Ed Gatchalian, president of the College of Surgeons, son of Gil Gatchalian**

To treat a man rightly, not kindly. It's derived from the Spanish saying that too much kindness kills a man.—**Alice Castro, daughter of Adriano C. Tiongson**

Read, read, read and open your mind. Never waste your God-given talent.—**Edd Fuentes, son of Filemon F. Fuentes**

To stay calm under the most stressful circumstances and in handling a situation. I have proven it many times as the best weapon to overcome trying times.—**Ariel Lozada, son of Benjamin Lozada**



The value of integrity in dealing with people and in doing business. He was a man who walked his talk, whose word you could rely on. —Doyee Tactacan-Tumpalan of First Quadrant, daughter of the late Dolorfino Tactacan

To value our education and study hard. He was a good role model for us.—**Dave Valdes, son of Jesus J. Valdes**

My dad caught me smoking when I was in seventh grade. He asked me what I smoked and how long I had been into it. He told me that filtered cigarettes tasted better than menthols. He demanded that I try them. After two puffs, I coughed terribly hard, almost choking. I didn't want to smoke anymore but my dad ordered me to finish the rim. I cried and pleaded and went through an hour of sermon about the adverse effects of smoking. He explained to me what "point of no return" meant. I never wanted to smoke after that.—**Menchie Osial, daughter of Rodolfo M. Osial Sr.**

Whenever you extend your help to someone, never never expect anything in return, otherwise you will never be happy. I heard the same from my husband when we got married. But the best example I got from Papa is his love for our Blessed Mother.—**Agnes Quintos, daughter of José O. de la Torre**

When I was about seven, I was scolded and spanked by my father for treating the maid badly. I was made to understand that maids are people, too, and should be treated with respect and considered part of the family. Daddy said that if I turned out to be a bad adult, people wouldn't blame me. Instead, he said, people would blame them (my parents) for being unable to guide and instill the right values in their only child.—**Mila Alora, daughter of the late Perfecto M. Alora**

If the earth is like dust in comparison to the whole universe and we are microbes living on it, all things that we have and have been doing here on earth is senseless and irrelevant. So what's good for you is to live your life and follow whatever it is that's going to make you happy. Pursue art if that makes you happy, because self-fulfillment and happiness are God's greatest gift to all of us microbes.—**Vincent Padilla, son of George Padilla**

To be confident in myself and my abilities. When I took the Ateneo College Entrance Test, I told my father that it felt more difficult than the Upcat. Then you should study there if you passed, he said. I did, and I eventually earned my Economics degree from Ateneo.—**Paul Ryan B. Salazar** of Project 4, QC

To read, read, read. You are what you read, my father said. The happiest and most memorable years of my childhood were spent reading.—Edith Magtibay-Garde of San Andres, Manila

We are a family of dancers, and my father is the best of them all. My husband, however, has two left feet. Once, early in our married life, I expressed my irritation to my father when, during a large family gathering, I was left a lonely wallflower. My father gently patted my hand and said, "You've got to love it, to want to learn it," he said. I learned a valuable lesson in life that I now apply in everything I do. As for my husband, years later, he discovered a love for dancing, took up dance lessons and now, we can do a mean swing together.—**Myra Soliman-Salvosa** of Mandaluyong City

To work with integrity and dedication, because no work is "menial." When my siblings and I were younger, he assigned household chores, and we were compensated accordingly. He could have made us work for free, but receiving "wages" helped us to value our work more and earn for our needs instead of asking for dole-outs.—**Eli F. Camacho** of Loyola Heights, QC

To be responsible in everything we do. I lost my Tatay when I was only 18. Nanay became our only parent, but I managed to finish college, work abroad and be successful.—**Celia de la Cruz-Norris** of San Pablo, Malolos, Bulacan

To always remember that because God has blessed us with so much, we should always remember to help those who are not as blessed. The way he has lived his life reflects this in such a big way. I try my best to do the same in my own small way. This lesson I'm now trying to pass on to my own son.—Margarita Fores of Pepato, Cibo and Café Bola, daughter of Dr. Raul G. Fores

To study hard, because education is the most valuable legacy a parent can give his children. Although unschooled himself, he taught me to persevere in my studies and reach for my dreams despite the difficult growing-up years devoid of all the luxuries in life.—**Precy Libo-on** of Imus, Cavite

To keep my heart in the face of disappointments and look at defeat not as an end but as a new beginning. My father died on June 21, 2005, after battling cancer for seven years. He taught me to embrace my fears, and be strong enough to face them.—**Ruby C. Juan** of Rioeng, Laoag City

To be prepared for what lies ahead, and that not everything in life comes easy. I've always thought of my father as strict, but I now realize he is only preparing me for the great adventure that lies ahead. —**Danielle Osmena** of Makati City

To play fair and never cheat. My father, Rodel Ropal Roco, taught us that we have to work hard for whatever we want, but "*Lumaban ng patas. Di bale ng malamangan ng iba huwag lang ikaw ang manlamang sa kapwa mo.*"—**Marie Cris R. Roco** of Taytay, Rizal

To be be respectful and loving children, obedient students and, most of all, God-fearing persons. From him we've learned discipline and respect for other people.—**Charles Kevin L. Bataga** of Koronadal City, South Cotabato

To be patient, and to put one's faith in Allah. I remember being angry one time because I couldn't pursue my law course since we had no money. I was crying in my room when my father approached me and said, "It's better to run away from a fight, to live another day and fight again." What he meant was, while he couldn't afford to send me to school, that didn't mean I should give up my dream. We were poor because he wasn't corrupt, and as his son, I could walk with my head up high because my father had kept his integrity... This coming school year, I am finally enrolling as a law freshman.—**Ronald Ampang** of Cotabato City

1. Reading a book is like eating chocolate. You have to savor each page like you savor dark, rich chocolate. Not only would you enjoy reading, but you would also remember the good feeling of savoring every information that you had read.

2. If you want something, you have to want it so badly that you would exceed your own expectations just to reach it.

3. God gives us rocks to step on and mountains to conquer. But in every trek that we engage in in our lives, God is with us.—**Jannell R. Cajote** of Dasmariñas, Cavite

My dad was never an expressive man, but he taught me how much he loved me when he hugged me real tight when I was an exchange student in the USA. He always said we (all of his kids) had to do our best with our God-given talents and to make the most of them for the greatest good.—Dr. Beaver Tamesis, regional marketing director, Merck Sharp & Dohme, son of Jesus V. Tamesis

"*Mag-aral nang mag-aral*" was my dad's constant reminder to us when we were younger. For me, Dad was *makulit* then. But now that I am married and with my own son, I've realized how right he was.—**Maria Rhea Descallar Shanawaz** of Lagro Subdivision, QC

To be humble. I grew up knowing that my father is an implementer—he matches his words with concrete action. He is decisive, and to my adolescent eyes, mean. But now I see the wisdom of his words. I've found out that my opinion matters to him, and I just have to ask so I can receive. With age, people really do see things with new eyes.—**Chona Mae L. Suner-Narvadez** of Mabini Homesite, Cabanatuan City

To thank God for all blessings, big or small. What warmed his heart was that he never ran out of blessings to thank God for, so much so that he had no chance to give attention to his sorrows, failures, or regrets—**Maria Elena T. la Ó** of North Greenhills, San Juan

To remember four rules in life:

Do not lie. Do not go anywhere else without permission. Do not touch anything you do not know how to handle and do not understand. And do not be interested in, and take, what is not yours.—**Ma. Carmela Cornejo**

To simply be a good person. My father, Eliseo Gawani Uy, is turning 60 this coming November. He has no vices, tries his best to be a good provider and a good disciplinarian, and to live with a meek heart. Recognitions and accomplishments are nothing compared to the genuine faith resulting to salvation that my father has instilled in us.—**Eleazar C. Uy** of Imus, Cavite

To be punctual and hardworking at all times. My father was always prompt for an appointment. Rain or shine, he reported to work, even when Martial Law had been declared and tension gripped the whole country. I learned never to skip classes, and years later, my superior noted my early presence at work and commended my great work output.—**Susan Jane Ong** of Santol, QC

To think first before making noise. "Silence speaks of itself" is the best thing my father has taught me. In times when I am confused and doubtful, I ponder first before I act. —**Joanne Chan Manliclic** of Marulas, Valenzuela City

To appreciate what we have and live with it. I thank my father for teaching me to accept things as they come, and to thank God for whatever little we have.—**Remedios "Amor" J. Abalahin** of Silang, Cavite

To never give up even if it seems hopeless. My dad never gives up trying to improve my flaws, like my handwriting, my mathematical skills, my ability to speak fluently in Filipino. He has also taught us to be responsible for all our actions.—**Charles John T. Uy** of Matina, Davao City

To live a principled life. My father, PSupt. Richard Albano, never forgets his vow to the Filipino people—to fight for them, to serve his countrymen with integrity, justice, dignity.—**Raizel Pauline San Juan Albano** of San Fernando, Pampanga

Whenever Papa and I would eat at fast-food restaurants, he would remind me to throw the disposable plates, spoon and fork in the trash bin after eating. Papa would also wipe the table with the table napkin. I've always thought that it's the job of the service crew to clean up after the mess of the customers. My Papa said that it's wrong to wait for people to clean up after my mess when I can do it myself. Now that I'm a grownup, I take responsibility for my mistakes and actions, just like what Papa has taught me.—**Kemp Ariate Pe** of Donada St., Pasay City

To survive with good cheer, and to be a good person to everyone. My Tatay, Romy T. Gamboa, was the man who illustrated "Dabiana" and "Palengke Queen" in those Atlas Publications *komiks*... Our family went through a lot of hardships, but I never heard him complain. Tatay always knew how to make things easier with his gifted sense of humor, and that made the tough times easier to bear.—**Rosary Judith Gamboa Santos** of Taytay, Rizal

***To be uncompromising in our integrity and to decide to always stay on course. Stray away just a little, he said, and you'll end up like a missile that went off course at one point and found itself in a totally different orbit.* — Berry Marfori, daughter of Emmanuel Pelaez**

To do your best in whatever you are doing. Think of work as something that should be done by you or else nobody would do it. Father was the boss of a government agency, but he rode public transport, helped clean the canal in our community, and tried to assist those who were less fortunate. Maybe this is why I chose to be a social worker.—**Jasmine Abella-Bautista** of Nova East Camarin, Kalookan City

To have determination, a sense of sacrifice, and, most importantly, faith in God. "*May awa ang Diyos*" is what I learned from Tatay, who barely made it to high school but managed to send four kids to school by working as a tailor. He made sure we would a comfortable life.—**Edith D.Trinidad** of Better Living Subdivision, Parañaque City

I come from a family of academic achievers. Even if my grades are only average, my father doesn't scold me, but just reminds me that reaching the top doesn't mean walking nonstop but sometimes resting so that when I reach the "summit" I won't tumble and fall down. Now, when I fail, I tell myself it was just a rest, and I try to do better next time.—**Nikkei Pfeiffer Maranan Tadili** of Marikina Heights, Marikina City

To keep busy. Growing up, we'd be required to read the dictionary for an hour. I remember that in the summer we were given outdoor activities, and every imaginable lesson we could take to keep us busy and entertained. It was Papa who ensured that we stuck to schedules and timelines. Papa always works by the hour: he wakes up at 6 a.m., leaves at 7 a.m., has meetings at 8 a.m. Then lunch at 12 noon, snacks at 3 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.—**Anna E.J. Corpus of Ayala Theaters management**

"Never scrimp on food or the blessings will not come pouring." Papa Calixto buys the same Chinese delicacies every weekend as if there is some sort of *fiesta*, sometimes to the detriment of the family's budget. His incessant prayers every morning and night (which I sometimes happen to overhear because he prays aloud) are never about him but always directed at the well-being of his family.—**Amy Lee** of QC

***My father taught us through his examples. I learned about the true meaning of integrity, caring for the less fortunate, giving one's best in everything we do, being humble and, most important, having the Lord as an anchor.* — Mila Valenzuela, daughter of the late Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay**

To be generous. I remember the time when an old man came to my dad's office and asked for money. What he got in his wallet was only P500 and he gave it away. I asked him to leave something for himself, and he just told me, "God will return it a hundred fold." Till now, a lot of needy people come to him and he never lets them go empty-handed. I myself am getting used to sharing whatever little I have, because I have learned to do so from Dad.—**Elsa Bautista-Bigcas** of Dagupan City

To be selfless and to contribute to the society's well-being. My dad raised us, three kids, and sent us to excellent private schools. On top of that, my parents sent three cousins who are now in turn sending their siblings to school. My parents gave free seminars on agriculture, poultry and livestock management in Unisan, Quezon. They continue to provide support to those who want to put up poultry businesses. We are not rich, and at the rate that my dad is helping others, we will never be rich. But they have touched a lot of lives and no amount of money can ever match that. —**Lyraliza Maleon-Dacio** of Mandaluyong City

To face life's battles. No matter how many times I fall, I won't be afraid because I know my dad will always be there to help me stand up again and face the battle again. He was there to help me rebuild my life and pick up the broken pieces of my life, and I know he will always be there for me.—**Emy Flor Merlin** of QC

To value education. My father hailed from the small town of Bacacay in Albay, the fourth of 12 children. After high school, he went to Manila to try his luck. He pursued law while working as a janitor at MLQU, and passed the bar after graduation. My father made a game out of learning. I remember memorizing *katon*, starting from the sound of each letter, then combining the letters to form syllables and combining the syllables to form words. I was able to read at the age of three. The love for learning and the knowledge that lack of money is not a hindrance to success are the best legacies from my father. —**Ruth B. David** of Meralco

My father has taught me to live with integrity, to treat people with respect, and to love the country of my birth. He has done this by example—he will not give bribes even when they are solicited. He will take time to talk to a *taho* vendor, and he will not leave the Philippines, even if all his family is already in the US and many of our friends have migrated there. —**Mari-An C. Santos** of Pandacan, Manila

***The most important thing my dad has taught me is that when one falls down, he will get right back up.* —Solenn Heussaff, fashion student/designer, daughter of Louis Paul Heussaff**

I am athletic because he introduced me to skating, bowling, and tennis. I learned to love math because he spent nights tutoring me when I was in Grade 3. I successfully passed the board exam because his "tips" and memory drills made me more assured and confident. In sports, he would say, "Have a killer instinct." In math, he would say, "Practice solving problems religiously." In any exam, he would remind me, "Make an acronym for items that need memorization." More important, my father instilled in me discipline, hard work, and love for my faith. —**Agatha Ellen Salanatin Valencia** of Davao City

***To give time for friendship as it is a source of happiness, and the older you get, the more you need people who've known you since you were young.*— Brainard Bocod Todeno of Antipas, North Cotabato**

Not to be a wastrel. If there was one thing that irritated my father, it would be wastefulness. During meals, he would remind us to finish our plates. He truly believed that whatever we wasted was deducted from our "stockpile" of blessings and goodies from above. He was a lawyer and one of our friends fondly nicknamed him "Attorney Ubos." "Waste not, want not" was his mantra. —**Tess Castro-Lopez** of Ayala Alabang

We remember when we were kids and we were confused about math and our father would come up with the solutions!... Dad said he would teach us not only the things that were good to know, but the things that we had to know, especially about life. He said that that in everything we do, we should put God first. He told us that having true friends is better than having millions of money. That good manners and right conduct are taught in school but learned at home. That education is the best gift parents could give their children. And that we could have all the time in the world for other things but only after we finish school. —**Katrina Montillano Cornejo, Karen Anne Montillano Cornejo** of Reseda, California

My dad was a provincial lawyer. He did not have much but he was very giving. When I was a kid and I asked him for my *baon*, he reached out for some coins from his pocket and said: "Do you see my old worn-out shoes? I bought this pair cheap from the *bangketa* so I could save up to provide for your needs." It was difficult to send us all to school at the same time—three daughters to college in Manila and a son to a private high school in our province—but he did! In June 2004, I went home for a week. When it was time to go back to Manila, my parents brought me to the bus station to send me off. I noticed how my father's old glasses were falling off and how funny he looked! I knew then what to give him for Father's Day. But two weeks later, I was back home again because he was killed after his car was hit by an overspeeding jeepney driven by a drunk driver. As they closed the casket, I saw his worn-out pair of eyeglasses by his side. My tears poured like a river.—**Melissa Mercado-Gascon** of Mandaluyong City

To genuinely help other people and to believe in the power of prayer, because nothing is impossible with God. My Dad inspired us to have grace under pressure, and thus achieve what we want if we just commit ourselves to it.—**Evan Panganiban**

To be a man for God. The greatest gift my father handed me is his personal relationship with God, manifested through examples as a man for others, biased for the poor, and the marginalized. He went to daily morning Mass for many years, and broke bread with beggars in our family dining table from time to time. He was not a man of success, but a man of value.—**Vic del Fierro Jr.** of Better Living, Parañaque City

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Cartier's Love Day and Jarlath Lynch's adieu

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

ON FATHER'S DAY—WHEN my editor asked me to write about "the best piece of advice my father gave me," my mind went all blank.

I am one of those individuals who had a hard time communicating with their dad. Two years ago he was confined in the hospital again after suffering a stroke. For close to an hour it was just the both of us. Seeing my dad in the hospital was an uncomfortable feeling since he had always been energetic and athletic.

He asked me about work, I asked him about his. Then I asked him if he was happy. There was silence. He said he was. And all too soon I had to go since he needed to rest. I left feeling good. I knew, despite the fact that not a lot of words were said, that there was concern and love there.

My dad is much better now and has even resumed playing badminton. I've realized that in life things are the way they are for a purpose, and change may come in small steps, but they do come.

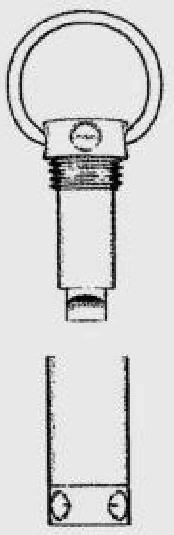
Happy Father's Day, Dad.

Cartier's Love Day. More than 30 years ago, Cartier launched its Love Bracelet. The two-piece bracelet, engraved with 12 screws which had to be bolted with a screwdriver, has adorned legendary Hollywood couples like **Richard Burton** and **Elizabeth Taylor**, **Cary Grant** and **Dyan Cannon**. Today, it can be seen on **Katie Holmes** and **Mary J. Blige**.

For the first time in its illustrious history, Cartier recently launched the new Love bracelet and the new Love charity bracelet at the Nasdaq in New York City. On hand for the proceedings were Cartier CEO **Frederic de Narp** along with celebrities **Salma Hayek**, **Scarlett Johansson** and **Sarah Jessica Parker**.

Ten percent of sales for the day went to charity. A first for a luxury brand to open at the Nasdaq, the launch coincided with the declaration of the city Mayor **Michael Bloomberg**, of June 8 as Cartier Love day.

MUST-HAVE BRACELET. The new Love bracelet in yellow gold and yellow-gold screwdriver, and the screwdriver pendant in yellow-gold by Cartier



Hotel news. TNT heard that the Manila Peninsula Hotel will undergo a much-needed renovation, which has its clientele ecstatic.

The renovation will start in July and some areas like its famed lobby will be done by November. Also if you caught Time magazine's "Best of Asia" issue, the Peninsula was highlighted for best dessert—the *halo-halo*.

TOP OF THE LIST. Nike and iPod team up to produce running shoes that can sing!

Over at the Makati Shangri-La, the hotel is also going through a major revamp in its personnel. Its general manager, the amiable, hard-working and dynamic **Jarlath Lynch**, is leaving for another Shangri-La property. In his three years with the hotel, Lynch did a terrific job as GM, from supervising the major renovations (think Red, Inagiku, Shang Palace, rooms, etc.) to increasing occupancy and making Makati Shang the top hotel in the Philippines.

He is leaving at the end of the month and will be moving to Malaysia Shangri-La Hotel. Jarlath has made a lot of friends in the city, and he will definitely be missed. To Jarlath, wishing you success in your next post. You are "simply the best!"

Must-have hi-tech gadgets. Just when I am settling into my Apple i-Book, along comes a new Apple Mac book that's not only five times faster, but also comes with a built-in camera for video conferencing and other features. This tops my must-have list for the next month!

Now, here's for you athletes and Sunday warriors out there. Nike and iPod have collaborated to come up with none other than (drumroll, please) Nike iPod.

Now, all Nike-plus shoes have a special compartment under the insole to hold the iPod Nano. You can configure the iPod to give you pertinent information like how many kilometers you've traveled, which can then be uploaded to a Nike website for analysis. It can also tell you your bank balance, update sports results and remind you to stop playing "Eye of the Tiger" for the 10th time.

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MVP TRIUMPHANT. Über businessman Manny Pangilinan with former President Corazon Aquino during First Pacific Corp.'s 25th-year grand bash in Hong Kong, which I was privileged to attend

DADDY Eric and Jethro enjoy fun-filled activities and free services at Dad's Incredible, a Father's Day treat at Robinson's Malls.

Fun games for Dad at the mall

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Fun Day on Father's Day—a game show with obstacles and trivia questions, also for fathers and kids—will take place in Robinsons Place Imus, Robinsons Place Dasmariñas, Robinsons Place Sta. Rosa, Robinsons Townmall Los Baños and Robinsons Place Angeles. Gift certificates and gift packs are up for grabs.

These two games are open to all fathers with their kids 12 years old and below, Only the first 25 pairs to register at the information counters of participating malls June 7-14 will be allowed to join.

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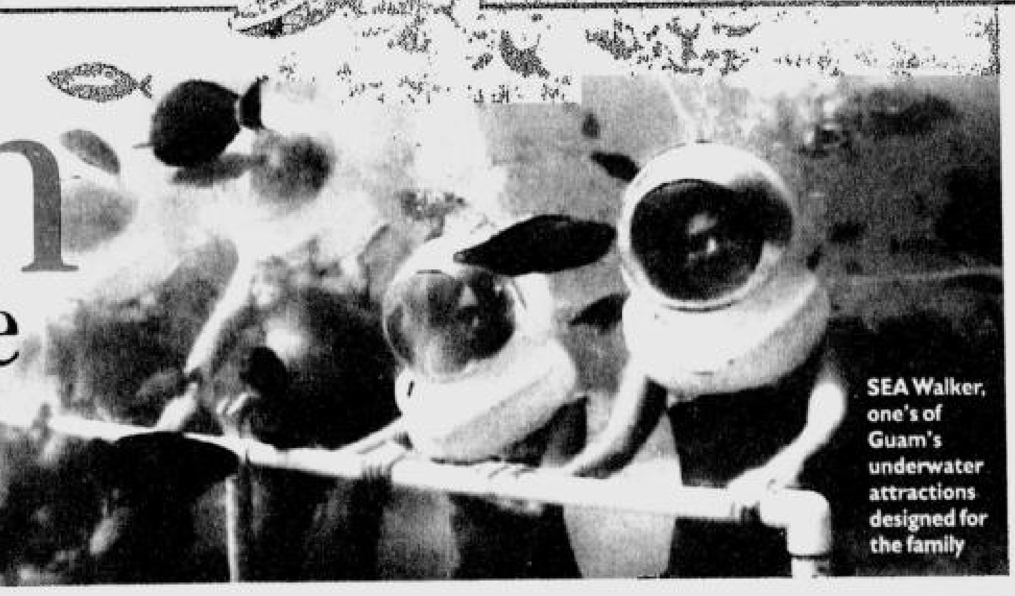
Tiny Guam looms large

Those with the means to go to the US, but don't have the time or energy to travel 13-15 hours may find Guam, 'where America's day begins,' as an attractive alternative

By Alex Y. Vergara


SEA Walker, one's of Guam's underwater attractions designed for the family

SINCE GUAM POSITIONED itself as a family destination in the early '90s, it has become quite common for tour guides like Toni Ramirez to deal with the most seemingly inane questions from inquisitive tourists, particularly Japanese kids.

One question he keeps encountering is how Guam is able to keep the water off its golden sand beaches, particularly along the upscale Tumon Bay strip, so pristine and greenish blue. Do they have to constantly dye the sea to get that particular color?

Rather than feel aghast, the Guam native, who also writes and teaches history, has been more than happy to answer such queries. If anything, these incidents only prove how unique his home is in the eyes of tourists, most of whom hail from big cities such as Tokyo, Fukuoka and Nagoya.

Of the 1,227,587 tourists (seven times as big as the territory's current population of 166,000) who visited Guam last year, 85 percent were Japanese. The market is that big and crucial to Guam that Continental Airlines flies to nine Japanese cities daily.

Like the Philippines, Japan is a little over three hours away by plane from Guam. Thus, it's not uncommon for the territory's citizens to fly regularly to the Philippines for routine to complicated medical checkups.

The Guam government has accredited St. Luke's Hospital, Makati Medical Center and Asian Hospital to attend to the medical needs of its constituents.

Not a few visitors also go to Guam, a US territory and the largest and perhaps most famous island in the Micronesia group that also includes Rota, Tinian and Saipan, to dive, play golf, watch dolphins, stargaze or simply take in the fresh air—one of the few "home-made" stuff in an island that depends almost exclusively on imported goods.

"When you're from a big city like Tokyo," says Ramirez, "stars, perhaps, are something you don't see as brilliantly as you do in Guam. These are things you don't take for granted when you visit the island."

Shopping options

Shopaholic Filipinos need not worry, as Guam also offers plenty of shopping opportunities.

Apart from several luxury stores selling signature brands along Pleasure Island and Tumon Sand, there are five major shopping options on the island: Guam Premium Outlets, DFS Galleria, K-Mart, Micronesia Mall and Agaña Mall.

The last two establishments are owned by Filipino tycoons Lucio Tan and Henry Sy, respectively.

Although GPS is small compared to its counterparts in the mainland, it boasts of such popular brands and discount staples as Ross, Payless Shoe Source, Levi's, Guess, BCBG, Nine West and Nike, among others.

K-Mart, reportedly the biggest of its kind in the entire US (excluding Big K-Mart), is open 24 hours and within walking distance from a number of hotels on Tumon Bay.

Hotel rates, by the way, cost an average of $200 per night. Manila-based travel agents offer typical tour packages that include airfare and hotel accommodations ranging from $358 to $400 per person.

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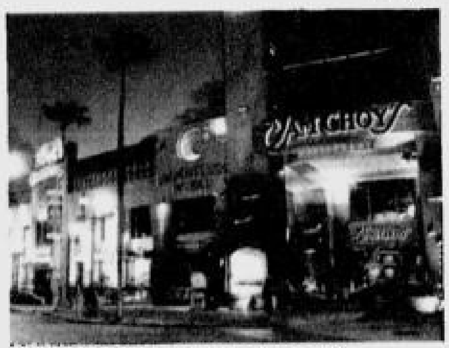
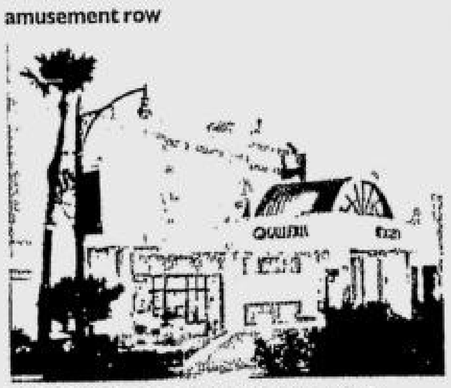

PLEASURE Island's restaurant and amusement row


DFS Galleria, one of the island's major shopping options

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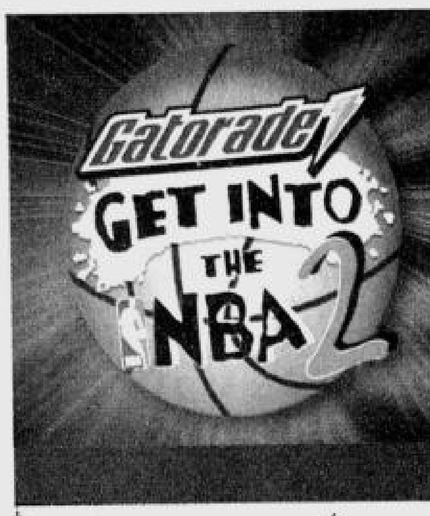

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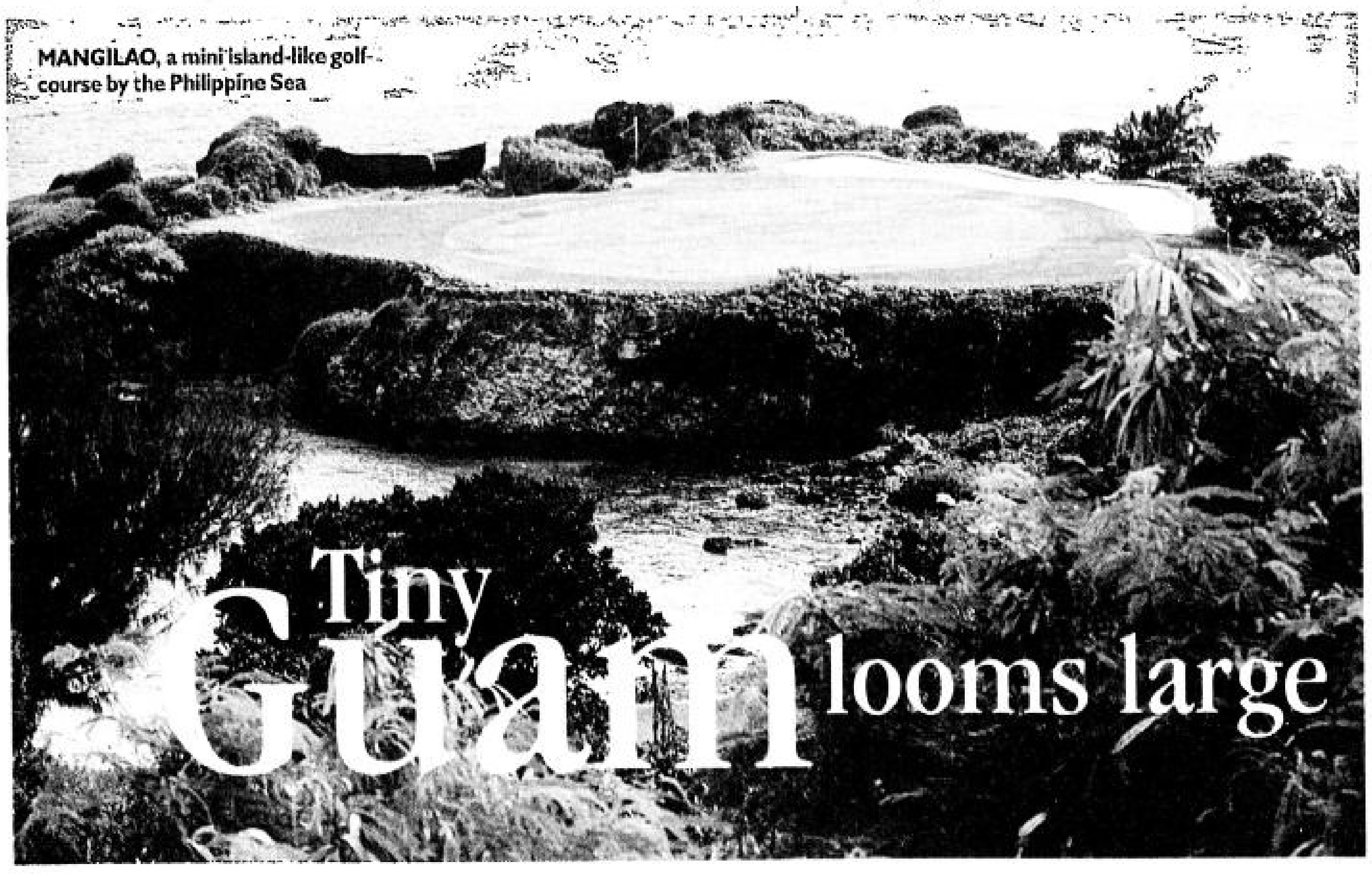

MANGILAO, a mini island-like golf-course by the Philippine Sea

Tiny Guam looms large

From page E1

Small Waikiki

When lush Guam opened its doors to tourism in 1967, the territory attracted mostly honeymooners and working-class incentive travelers. It remains a favorite overseas wedding venue among Japanese couples wishing to tie the knot abroad.

In fact, it has become de rigueur for upscale hotels lining Tumon Bay such as the Hilton, Fiesta Resort, Hyatt and Pacific Island Club, among others, to have at least one wedding chapel by the sea. The strip is Guam's version of Waikiki, albeit smaller in scale.

"For some strange reason," says Ramirez with a chuckle, "most Japanese want a Caucasian minister to marry them."

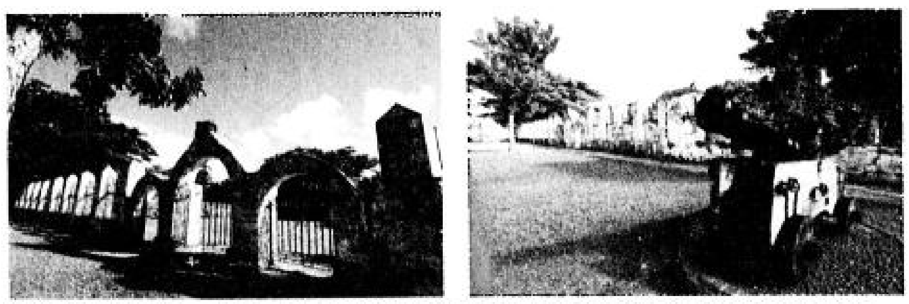
Or they can go to Two Lovers' Point, Guam's famous monument to undying love, and seal their love there.

Legend says a pair of star-crossed Chamorro (the island's native inhabitants) lovers jumped off the 375-feet cliff when their love was denied by the girl's parents, who wanted to marry her off to a Spanish officer.

Modern-day lovers have yet to take such a drastic step, but they're no less romantic. A concrete viewing deck with metal railings atop the cliff is now festooned with dozens upon dozens of padlocks.

Apart from offering visitors with a panoramic view of the Philippine Sea, the deck at Two Lovers' Point has become a silent witness to countless Japanese lovers as they pledge their undying love.

"A pair of lovers usually secures a padlock in place after making a promise to love only each other," says Ramirez. "They then throw the key into the sea."


REMINDERS of Guam's Spanish colonial past are very much evident in these two outdoor attractions that date back hundreds of years ago.

Second-biggest group

The Japanese may have turned the island into a tropical playground, but ties that bind Guam and the Philippines date back much earlier. In fact, Filipinos comprise approximately 26 percent (45,000) of Guam's population, making them the second biggest ethnic group next to Chamorros.

It's like you never left home, as Filipinos can be seen (and heard) everywhere, working mostly as managers, hotel staff, restaurant crew and department store clerks.

Filipinos may be a big ethnic group in Guam but, as expected, they still seem a bit fragmented. This hasn't escaped the observant Ramirez, who probably knows more about the Philippines than the average Filipino does.

"Filipinos are further divided into ethnic lines," he says, with a smile. "There are at least 80 Filipino associations in Guam representing this or that province."

Actually, the influx of Filipinos began much, much earlier when the American colonial government exiled 54 *insurrectos* led by Apolinario Mabini to Guam during the Philippine revolt against America. While Mabini and most of his co-accused returned to the Philippines after serving their sentences, four Filipinos chose to stay behind.

"They intermarried with the locals and became the forefathers of several prominent people in Guam," says Ramirez. "One of their descendants became Guam's first archbishop."

As for Mabini, the Sublime Paralytic is widely known among academics and historians in Guam. In fact, the people of Guam have erected a marker to commemorate his stay on the island.

Just like the Philippines, Guam was under Spanish colonial rule for more than 300 years. Both colonies were ceded by Spain to the US after the former was defeated during the Spanish-American War.

"Spain ruled both its Asian colonies via Mexico," says Ramirez. "But when Mexico had gained its independence, Spain began to rule Guam from the Philippines."

THE APOLINARIO Mabini marker is a permanent reminder that the Sublime Paralytic was once exiled in Guam.

Their close ties continued under the Americans, but their twin fates took different paths when the Philippines chose independence and Guam remained under American rule after World War II.

Attractive alternative

Close to 8,000 Filipinos traveled to Guam last year as tourists. In its desire to introduce the destination to more Filipinos, the Guam Visitors Bureau in Manila is aggressively promoting Guam to wealthy Filipinos with US tourist visas.

Because of visa requirements, Guam can't compete directly with such popular destinations as Thailand, Singapore and Hong Kong in luring Filipinos.

Those with the means to go to the US, but don't have the time or energy to travel 13-15 hours may find Guam, "where America's day begins," an attractive alternative.

And because of Guam's size (almost as big as Singapore), it usually takes tourists 30 minutes or less to go from one point of the island to another. What's more, traffic jams don't exist on the island. Not a few visitors, especially weekend tourists, welcome this, as it enables them to cover more ground in less time.

Some Japanese, in fact, are opting to stay in self-contained resorts such as the Leo Palace, which has its own golf course, soccer field and baseball park, to make the most out of their stay.

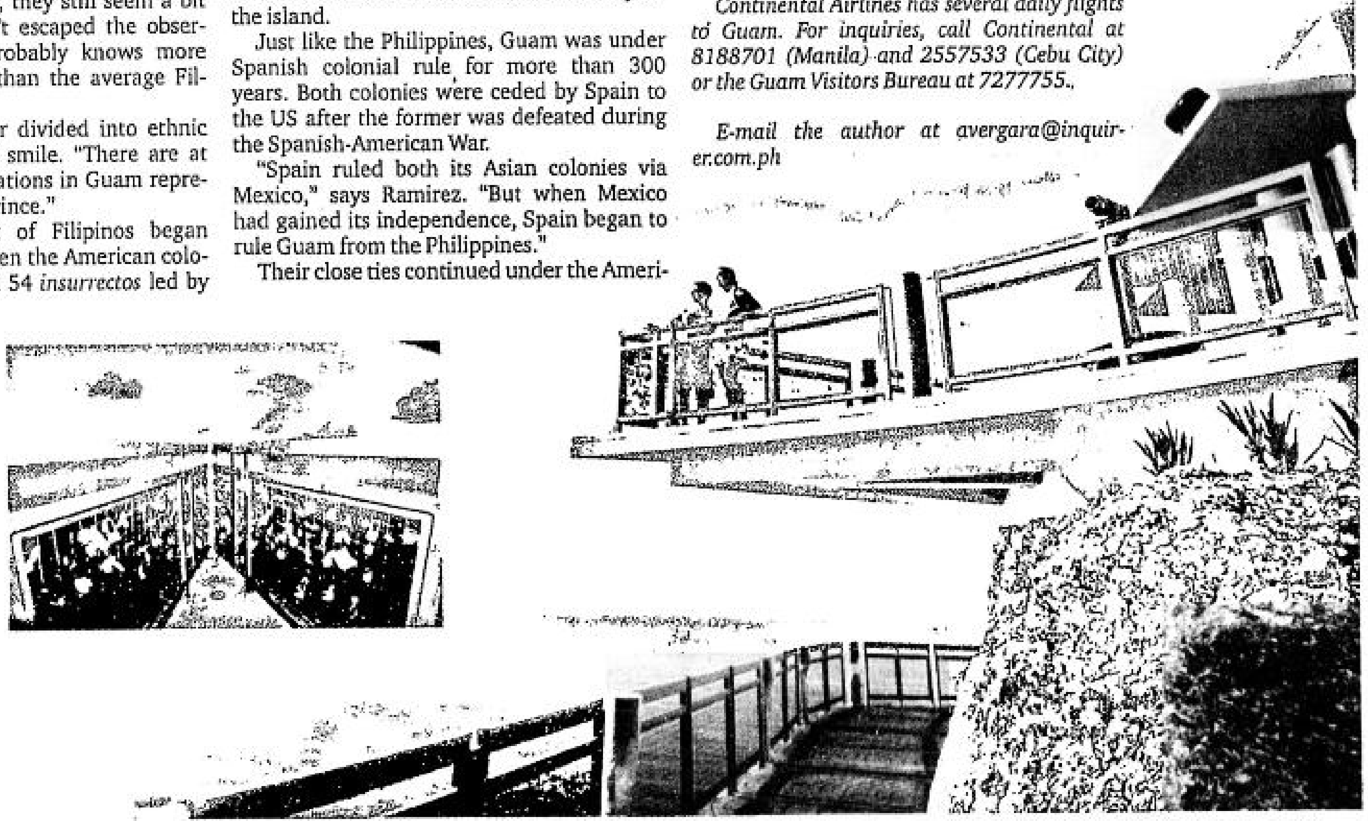
"Guam is probably not for everybody," Ramirez concedes. "But those with the means to go here are delighted to find out how clean, beautiful and peaceful the island is." There's no question about that.

Continental Airlines has several daily flights to Guam. For inquiries, call Continental at 8188701 (Manila) and 2557533 (Cebu City) or the Guam Visitors Bureau at 7277755.

E-mail the author at avergara@inquirer.com.ph

Filipinos need not worry, as Guam offers plenty of shopping options

FILIPINO travel agents and journalists take a break during a familiarization tour of the island. Manila-based travel agents offer tour packages to Guam ranging from $350 to $400 per person.


VIEWING deck at Two Lovers' Point has been a silent witness to modern-day sweethearts' undying love. Apart from sealing their love with a kiss, they seal it with padlocks (inset).

TRAVELBRIEFS

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THE LEGEND VILLAS CELEBRATES FATHER'S Day with a special family rate of only P4,999 net per night for an overnight accommodation for two adults and a maximum of two children aged 7 years old and below. The family package includes an overnight stay in a Superior Room, free use of the swimming pool and free local calls.

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Discovery Suites offers special World Cup room packages, P3,700+ for a Junior Suite. FIFA Worl Cup in Germany is broadcast live until July 10 at the Serendipity Lounge, 22/F of Discovery Suites. Call 6838222.

Best low-cost airline

In the recent Skytrax Airline of the Year survey, a worldwide independent passenger study conducted at airports by Skytrax and involving interviews with over 13 million respondents of more than 93 different nationalities, Jetstar Asia came in first, as the Best Low-cost Airline 2006 for both the Asia and Southeast Asia categories.

Jetstar Asia is a Singapore-based airline that currently flies to multiple destinations within five hours of Singapore. The regional network includes India (Bangalore), Cambodia (Siem Reap, Phnom Penh), Thailand (Bangkok, Phuket), Hong Kong, Philippines (Manila), Myanmar (Yangon) and Taiwan (Taipei). It is a majority Singapore-owned company, with a significant Qantas shareholding, ensuring the highest standards of operational excellence and safety standards while delivering good value to customers.

Beauty and wellness tour

On July 22, take a break and join the Inscribe Tours' bestseller Beauty and Wellness Tour. The day-long tour will provide participants with relaxation techniques, organic cuisine, and spa and massage treatments. Included in this year's itinerary is Sonya's Garden and Restaurant.

First stop is a wellness session at Nursia Women and Ecology Wholeness Farm, a delightful retreat run by the Benedictine sisters of St. Scholastica's College.

A wellness expert will talk on Oriental healing and Shibashi, a type of breathing exercise with tremendous health benefits.

The tour then goes to Nurture Tropical Spa for the highlight activity, a nourishing spa treatment.

Capping the day is a gourmet meal of pasta and salad, the signature dish of Sonya's. Call Gerry at 5758370 and 8405912 or text 0919-8184697. Slots are limited.

ASTA CONFERENCE

THE AMERICAN Society of Travel Agents (Asta) held its 4th GMM at the 31/F, Fraser Place, with Philippine Airlines as major sponsor. Guest speaker for the luncheon meeting was Virgith Buena, RD, RND, nutrition consultant, who spoke on "Healthy Options in Making Food Choices." Also held was an auction for a Manila/Cebu/Manila and a Manila/Hong Kong/Manila ticket. Some of those in attendance were: (seated) Jun Ordillano, district sales manager of Pal; Letty Capps, Asta treasurer; Ado Escudero; Sony Lopez Gonzalez, Asta Phil. chapter president; Mel Lotho; and Cathryna Velasco, Asta board members. Standing: Robert Yupangco; Belle Cantada; Pacita Jose; Lou Domingo; Corazon Cuadrante, Asta secretary; Evangeline Tankiang Manotoc; Eli White, Asta membership chair; Diana Ong How; Marilu Verano and Lulu Velasco.

A welcome unsolicited advice

THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE MY FATHER gave me:

I am what I have become (good or bad) because I always remember what my father told me when I was very young and so impressionable. He told me never to be intimidated by anybody most especially the wealthy. He said in such colorful metaphor "Ang utot nuon ay kasing baho lang ng utot mo." (Your fart is just as foul as theirs.) Another favorite saying of his was "You can be anything you want. Hindi gawang Diyos yan. God is not asking you to make a tomato."

This letter was in response to our column on April 16, titled "Writer is trapped in a sales rep's body," sent by "Girl Lost." The feedback is too well-written to be left to oblivion. Wannabe writers, who are still in limbo, can profit from a veritable goldmine of information from "Anonymous".—EM

Dear Emily,

This is in response to a letter sent... a few months back. You failed to answer one of the letter writer's most important questions: "Which companies should I apply to for this type of work, writing?" I hope you will send my message to her.

I am a writer in the corporate world... since 1992. Hence, I know there are a lot of possibilities for wannabe writers like her. If you want to be a writer, it does not mean that your only option is to write fiction. You can do fiction while maintaining a full-time, secure job as a writer, as well. How?

The options are plenty. Big companies, including multinationals, have a corporate communications or public relations or marketing communications department. She can work there as a writer or a PR assistant/marketing communication assistant, etc., which also involves writing.

The job may involve any or all of the following tasks: producing the company newsletter, press releases/photo captions/print ads and other PR or marketing material, speeches for executives, annual report, as well as memos and business correspondence.

Girl Lost may also work in a publishing company and there are many of them. Notice the proliferation of magazines in the market today? She can be a feature writer or an editorial assistant, full-time. That could be exciting since she may be attending social events to write about them, interview famous people and celebrities and perform other kinds of fieldwork as well.

Included here are textbook publishing firms and those that publish supplementary materials for schools such as the newsprint journals our children have for each subject. She can write for or edit them, as well.

There are also the numerous daily newspapers. She can work as a news reporter, feature writer, sportswriter, I.T. (information technology) writer. If she thinks she lacks the experience, she can start her writing career as a proofreader. And there are the advertising agencies. She can apply as a copywriter.

Plus the PR companies that produce press releases for their clients. Notice the articles in publications about products endorsed by famous people? That's exciting, too, because, again, she'll be interviewing famous people, attend corporate events such as product launchings, demonstrations, branch openings, fashion shows, etc.

Not to forget outsourcing companies. Outsourcing is the "in" thing now. There are outsourcing companies that hire writers on a full-time basis. Their job is to write marketing materials for their American clients.

She can go political, too. Girl Lost could try to join the staff of a high-ranking politician as writer and publicist.

And don't forget, a writing job often goes hand-in-hand with an editing job. Hence, she can also apply as editor or assistant editor.

So you see, the possibilities are many. I know whereof I speak because I'm a writer myself. I've been in publishing, corporate communications twice (for a real estate firm and a top-notch insurance firm), in outsourcing (I wrote marketing materials for a well-known American software developer), and in P.R. twice.

I'm currently working for one of the leading PR agencies in the country, writing for some of the top multinational banks and direct selling corporations in the world.

Like her, I didn't land a writing job right after graduation. But writing was in my veins. I never quit looking for a writing job, until I got my break in 1992. There's been no looking back for me since. And yes, I'm very happy that I am doing what I'm doing right now.—**Anonymous**

E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to Inquirer. Listen to Ms. Marcelo co-host the program "Kalikasan Vigilante," 7:15-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, on dwBR 104.3 FM.

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

If you want to be a writer, it does not mean that your only option is to write fiction

St. Charbel . . .

From page E4

ber of the Lebanese Maronite Order in 1853, and was ordained priest in 1859. In 1875, he began the life of a hermit, dedicating his life to prayers, fasting and manual labor, which ended 20 years later with his death at the age of 70 on Dec. 24, 1898. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI on Dec. 5, 1965 and canonized on Oct. 9, 1977.

The canonization of a Lebanese monk is undeniably a historic event and a new expression of the ecumenical movement in the Church.

St. Charbel is the heir to an Oriental spiritual heritage rich in variety and harmony, which has flourished in Lebanon throughout the centuries. He is a true witness to the nobility of hidden virtue and to the triumph of the spirit.

Panag-aapit festival

Nueva Vizcaya's Agricultural Terminal celebrates "Panag-aapit" festival until today at Barangay Almagues North in Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya.

A grand *cañao* was recently held by the Kalanguya tribe in connection with the festival. A *cañao* is a harvest and thanksgiving ritual featuring a high priest and members of the tribe.

Nueva Vizcaya produces high-grade vegetables and fruits that are sold in Manila and Baguio. It is the home of perante orange and other citrus fruits, as well as tourist attractions like the Capisaan Caves and the longest souvenir highway in Sta. Fe.

Sacred Heart feast day

The feast day of the Sacred Heart, which falls on the Friday after Corpus Christi, is set on June 23 this year. The National Shrine of the Sacred Heart has invited Cardinal Rosales to officiate the concelebrated Mass on June 23 at 6 p.m. Bishop Teodoro Bacani will say the Mass at 12:15 p.m.

There will be Masses starting 6 a.m. and every hour and a half after to 10 a.m. and from 1:30-7:30 p.m. Msgr. Clem Ignacio is the Rector of the shrine.

Sambali Cagayana festival

Cagayan Valley celebrates its 423rd anniversary as a province with the "Sambali Cagayana" festival on June 23-29. Sambali started as a street dance in Piat town in honor of Our Lady of Piat. Gov. Edgar Lara will lead the celebration, which is also called "Aggao nac Cagayan" (Cagayan Day).

Marian seminar

The Missionaries of Mary will conduct a one-day Marian seminar on June 25, 7 a.m.-5 p.m, at 129 9th St., New Manila. The theme is "Mary, our Mother, and the Montfort Missionaries." Please call Sr. Luz Usabel or Cherry at 7438729 or 2414586.

Radio program

The Society of St. Expeditus is broadcasting a radio program on St. Expeditus on June 20 at 7:30 p.m. over Radio Veritas and every third Tuesday thereafter.

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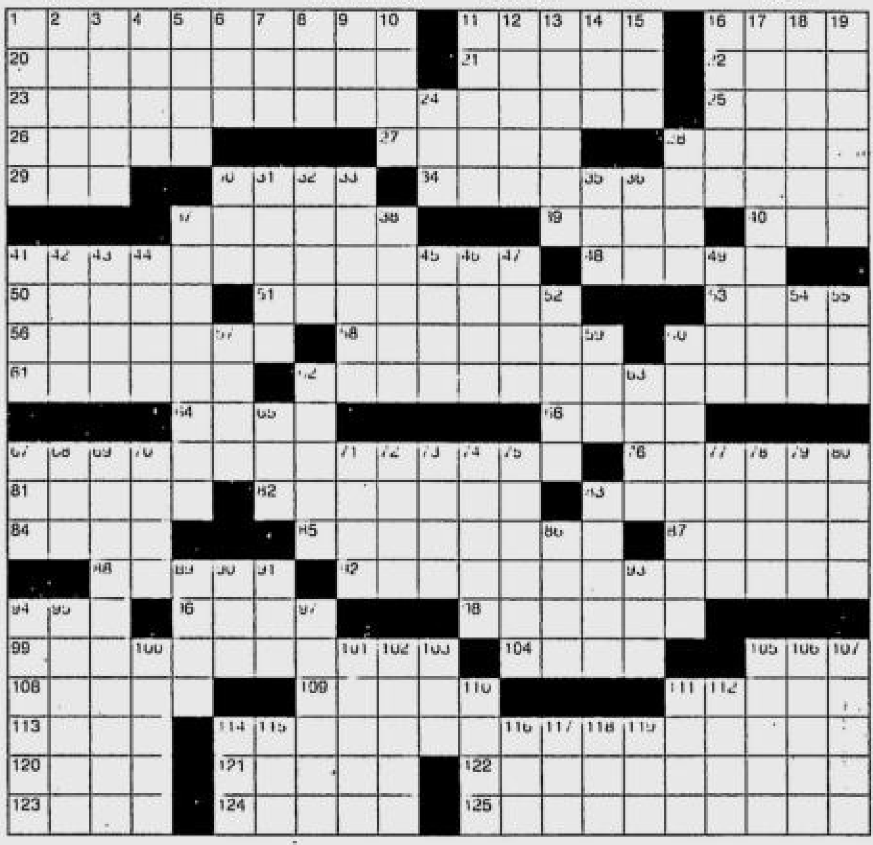

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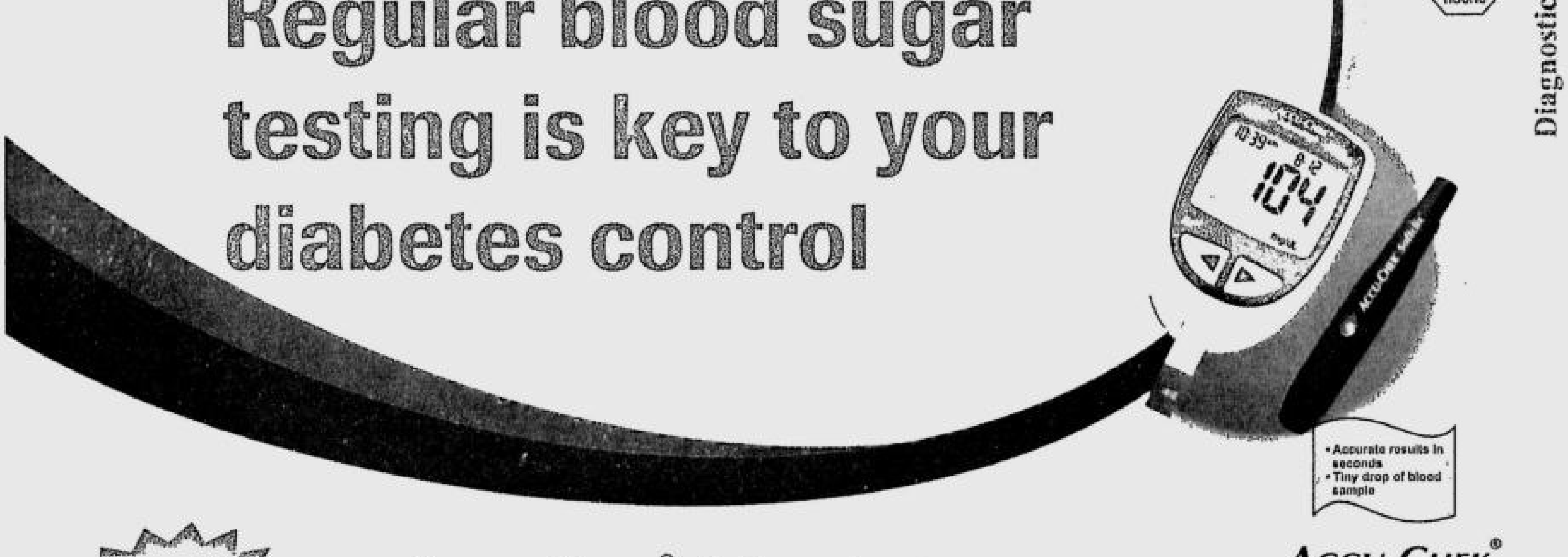
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St. Charbel closely related to Abraham family of Tuguegarao

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

ST. CHARBEL, A LEBANESE Maronite monk (1828-898), is a close relation of the Abraham family of Tuguegarao, Cagayan. Butrous Abraham Fakhri, who settled for good in Tuguegarao and married Josefina Pagulayan Reyes on Aug. 11, 1944, was a first cousin of St. Charbel, whose mother Brigitte was the sister of Hannay, the mother of Butrous.

Taking the name Pedro Abraham, he named his second daughter Hannay after his mother. Hannay became Mrs. Ernesto de Leon, who passed away in 1982 from a debilitating brain disease.

Butrous was only in his 20s when he traveled with other Fakhris to Australia, which welcomed the immigration of Caucasian Christians. Butrous was a Maronite Catholic. On the way to Australia, the group landed in the Philippines, and Butrous liked the country instantly. He found that business was good, the weather fine, and decided to stay.

I found out about St. Charbel when Joe Abraham, a friend from way back, told me he was related to the saint. This came to me as a surprise because it meant Joe's brother, Pedro "Edru" Abraham, another friend, would be a nephew as well.

Joe and Edru told me more about their father, whose name "Butrous" means "Peter" in Aramaic or Arabic. Thus, he adopted the name Pedro, Hispanic for Peter. When he became a Filipino citizen, he chose the name Pedro Abraham.

Don Pedro Abraham was a pioneering entrepreneur who put up several businesses in Tuguegarao. When he passed away on June 12, 1957, his wife "Ma Afing" handled the businesses single-handedly while bringing up seven children by herself.

These children are Maria Victoria, now a lawyer married to lawyer Antonio Singson; Pedro "Edru," a UP professor; Joseph, who is a managing partner of Abraham Realty Company and married to Julie Roa; Hannay, who married Ernesto de Leon; Winnoco or Wino, who is a city councilor and farmer married to Lita Soriano; Samia, a successful entrepreneur married to Dev Henrage of the Abraham-Henrage Shoppersville; and Ramon Shamon, a medical doctor and married to Dr. Regina Pulido.

Edru told me that the Abraham family in Tuguegarao is one Filipino family with direct kinship to an authentic Roman Catholic saint. As of today, there are 39 members of the Pedro-Josefina Abraham family; 27 are related by blood, including 14 grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one on the way; and 12 by marriage.

The Abraham family is grateful to Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan, who in 1999 interceded in their behalf with the Philippine Embassy in Lebanon to reconnect the Abraham family in the Philippines with their kinfolk in Lebanon.

Since 1999, six Abrahams have visited Lebanon, and one relative from Lebanon has visited the Philippines.

"Fakhri" in Arabic means "honorable and dignified." It aptly describes Don Pedro Abraham, who was known for his honesty and integrity in doing business.

Ma Afing, at 93 still holding her family together since she became a widow at age 43, is still sharp, with all her wits about her. She is still consulted in family matters.

Those who want *estampita* prayers to St. Charbel can write me. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for easier mailing.

Who is St. Charbel?

St. Charbel Makhlouf, born in 1828 at Bega' Kafra in Lebanon, became a mem-

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DON Pedro Abraham, first cousin of St. Charbel, Lebanese monk

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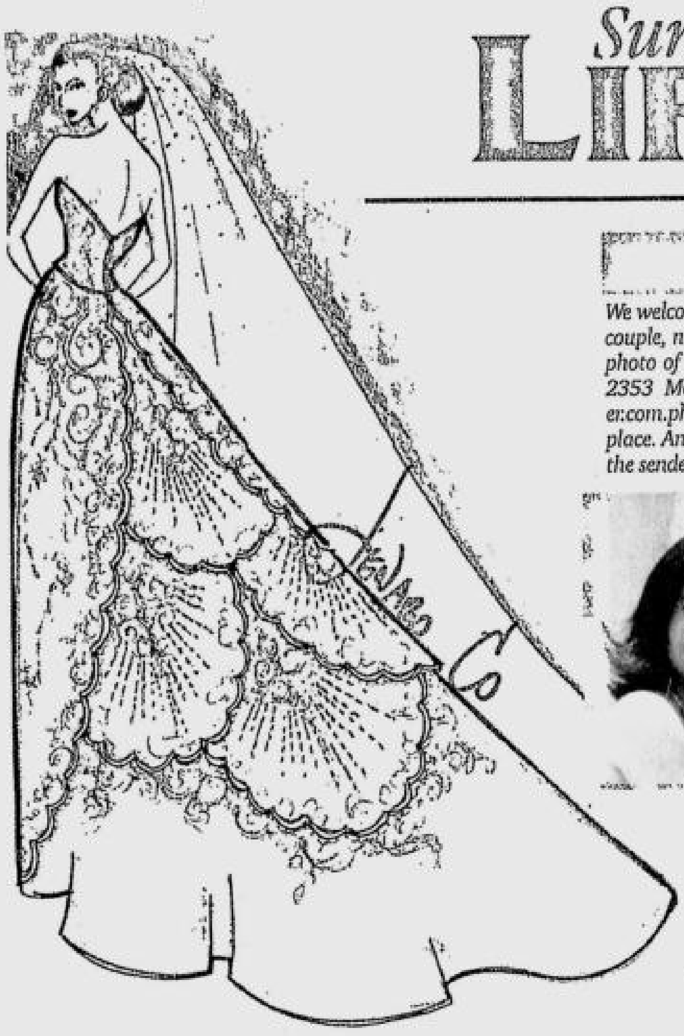

Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements: Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the Inquirer, *P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the senders.*

DY-DULDULAO

Geraldine Dy, daughter of **Eugene** and **Linda Dy**, will exchange vows with **William Duldulao**, son of **Ong Tuk** and **Yang Suk Foon**, on June 24, at Santuario de San José. Geraldine will wear an all-embroidered white duchess satin gown with beadwork in accent of peach designed by **Leonard Co.**

CABALLES-SAMPANG

Juchen Caballes, son of **Col. Carlos R. Caballes** and **Lerma L. Caballes**, will marry **Jenalyn Sampang**, daughter of **Rogelio M. Sampang Sr.** and **Mercedita M. Sampang**, on June 25, at Sto. Niño Parish, Levitown, Lipa City.

DANGCA-GIMENA

Gerard Dangca II, son of **Gerardo** and **Amelia Dangca**, will wed **Sahlee Grace Gimena**, daughter of **Graciano** and **Soledad Gimena**, on July 1, at Christ the King Parish, Green Meadows, QC. The groom's tuxedo was designed by Garcimo and the bridal gown by Ysabelle Creation.

AQUINO-TAN

Councilor **Angelo "Bong" S. Aquino**, son of **Artemio** and **Gloria Aquino**, will wed **Katherine Rose A. Tan**, daughter of **Antonio** and **Minerva Tan** on July 8, at the National Shrine of St. Michael and the Archangels, San Miguel, Manila. Reception will follow at the Grand Ballroom of InterContinental Manila. **Edward Teng** designed the bride's dress using ecru duchess satin, for a princess-cut gown encrusted with Swarovski crystals and glass beads embroidered in a rose pattern.

LASALA DEBUT

Beatrice Thea Lasala, a freshman AB Psychology student at Ateneo de Manila University, and daughter of **Noli Lasala** and **Susie Ejercito**, will celebrate her 18th birthday, on July 15, at the New World Hotel, Makati City.

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GRAND FINALS – The same pasta/ noodle main course that qualifies for the semi-finals must be prepared during the competition. Yield must be good for 6 servings.

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3 member team -2 students & 1 adviser
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PLUS P500.00 worth of Century Tuna and sponsor products for each team member

COMPOSITION:

SEMI-FINALS - 1 complete main course consisting of 60% of any Century Tuna variant as the main ingredient (no other protein will be allowed) and complimented with starch and vegetable siding; 1 appropriate sauce and 1 garnish. Yield for the main course must be good for 4 servings.

GRAND FINALS - For On the Spot Filipino Market Basket, details shall be announced during the competition. Yield must be good for 12 servings.

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PLUS P500.00 worth of Century Tuna and sponsor products for each participant

COMPOSITION:

SEMI-FINALS - 1 complete main course with starch and vegetable siding; 2 appropriate sauces and 1 garnish; Yield for the main course must be good for 4 servings.

GRAND FINALS - For On the Spot Filipino Market Basket Main Course, details shall be announced during the competition. Yield must be good for 6 servings.

All contestants in each category are required to send an Original Classic Filipino Dish with Flair recipe (not previously entered in any contest, publication or exhibit) using only the following as the main ingredient. Century Tuna Solid in Vegetable Oil or Water; Century Tuna Chunks in Vegetable Oil or Water; Century Tuna Chunks Spanish Style, Century Tuna Flakes in Vegetable Oil, Century Tuna Hot and Spicy; Century Tuna Flakes with Lemon and Butter, Century Tuna Lite.

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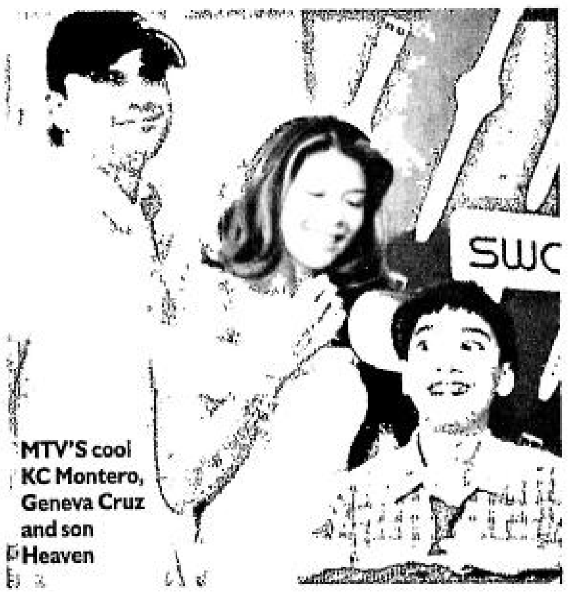
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JOAN Bitagcol shows off three new Jelly in Jelly watches: Instantaneous Fresh, Black Vibrant and Pink Sea

Let us now praise the unsung father

EVENT guru Susan Joven, Hotel Philippine Plaza's Rose Libongco and Globe's Cathy Santamaria

SWATCH grand dame Virgie Ramos (second from right) with rockstar Rolando Gonzago, Joji Dingcong and Matteo Guidicelli

EVER-SUPPORTIVE classmates Popsie Gamboa, Sea Princess, Christine Carlos, Claudette Cordon, Maridol Ylanan and Jojo Ongsiako, with Cathy Guballa and Dr. Tina Cifra with our donations from Metro Gaisano for PGH

CLASS '81 doctors China Castillo, Pia Lorenzo, Cri-cri Puyat and Eileen Cuajunco check on the pre-school kids.

KNOWLEDGE Channel Foundation head Rina Lopez-Bautista, Angela Lopez, Rogy Panganiban and Geni Psinakis give the gift of knowledge to a student.

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

IN THIS NEW AGE OF EMPOWERED women and multi-tasking mothers, hard-working fathers rarely get credit. So when a Hallmark-invented occasion like Father's Day comes around, we should all honor the dads who go about their daily chores in anonymity.

Though fathers, in general, are not as endearing as mothers, they are an abundant source of advice and stability. If I had to single out the best child-rearing advice from my own father, **Alex Prieto**, it is that kids should have a balanced foundation of work and play.

My father is not a typical corporate businessman. His true passion is golf. He devoted equal time in perfecting his children's golf swings and making sure our study schedules were met. He believed that if children have the proper mix of all the right ingredients, they come out in life as more fulfilled and better grounded individuals.

From my Prieto side comes my artsy, quirky nature and sense of humor, reflected best in my outrageously unique style. My father, too, occasionally wears loud shirts and unusual color-blind combinations.

He is my No. 1 critic regarding my outfits. Lately, my approval rating has gotten higher and he has more compliments for my ensembles. His eye for proportion and design, both in fashion and architecture, is excellent. He is a frustrated architect and loves to give practical suggestions when analyzing house plans.

Fascinating accessories

Among my many accessories, he is most fascinated by my Swatch watch collection with their unusual colors and designs. I guess Swatch is just one of those things I cannot leave home without, along with my HSBC Red Card and Nokia phone. Although I have a lot of Swatch watches, it is only a fraction of the 333 million Swatch watches that have been produced.

In a worldwide, simultaneous celebration, Gift Gate grand dame **Virgie Ramos** made sure the Philippines was part of this global Swatch party by hosting a cool, underground music event called "Spread the Word, Spread the Jelly."

This fast-track, fun celebration also revealed the new Swatch Jelly in Jelly product line that comes in five colorful designs—pink, blue, orange, black and white. The dress code requested guests to come in one of the colors. Of course, I violated the dress code by using all the colors although my vintage **Dennis Lustico** gown was predominantly black and white.

As in all Swatch events, refreshing entertainment and fun activities filled the venue with prizes galore for celebrity guests. The new Jelly in Jelly Collection was revealed by color-coordinated models, followed with the musical debut of soulfully hip singer **Savannah** and the Mekanism rock band.

With its contemporary, wider face and longer strap, coupled with a great price, this Swiss-made Jelly in Jelly will soon be the newest, must-have accessory. It is ideal for young daddies or still-feeling-young dads this Father's Day, and is, of course, available at all Swatch and Gift Gate outlets.

Social responsibility

Another Alex P. gem is to keep the integrity and honor of your name. He always said a respectable name is the only thing you can take to your grave and whatever you do will affect generations to come. My father is a very generous man and has a soft spot for helping people in need. I think I got that trait from him, too. As my Assumption High School classmates are in the thick of preparing for our grand Silver Jubilee, we are also doing our share of socially relevant activities to really make the celebration more meaningful.

Laconic and self-effacing, dads hardly get any credit for wisdom and parenting skills

MATCHING sense of humor. Sea Princess and dad Alex Prieto

With the kind support of some classmates abroad, we were able to supply children's books, toys, a TV and VHS player to Migi's Corner in the charity pediatric ward of PGH and the Upper West Day Care Center in Taguig. It is so heartwarming to see the smiles of kids filled with so much hope and excitement even if they are sick and impoverished. We felt united as a batch together with Migi's Corner founder **Cathy Guballa** and Taguig Mayor **Freddie Tinga** in our pledge to continue to help even more children.

Gift to Iloilo children

On a much higher level on the social development scale, the third generation of the Lopez family recently launched philanthropic programs that would benefit communities in Jaro, Iloilo City, the hometown of their great grandfather, **Eugenio Lopez Sr.** Four projects—feeding, housing, education and responsible parenthood—were set up in commemoration of the late Lopez's 105th birth anniversary.

Assumption HS Batch '81 is helping 60 preschool kids get started, but the Lopez Feeding Program will help close to 600. Through a six-month intervention with Bantay Bata, it aims to reduce malnutrition for malnourished children in more than 40 barangays in Jaro. ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. has tremendously helped so many kids throughout the nation and its awesome head, **Gina Lopez**, is like a hip version of Mother Teresa with an equally generous heart but without the vow of chastity, of course.

The Foundation's Housing Program will provide 50 homes, in cooperation with Gawad Kalinga, in what will be called the Eugenio Lopez Sr.-GK Village on a lot donated by the Jaro Archidocese. In contrast, one Assumption batch pledged one house in the Assumption Village, also through Gawad Kalinga. But, you know, whether it is one or 50 hardly matters. When it comes to giving, every little bit counts.

Through Knowledge Channel Foundation, Inc., the Lopez family's Education and Training Program will provide media-based learning and teacher training to 18 public schools. Again, on a smaller scale but no less laudable, our Santuario de San Antonio resident retreat priest, Fr. **Gerard Deveza**, built an elementary school in a poor community in Sorsogon and started Healing Servants Foundation.

Let me end this Father's Day column with a correction. Father's Day was not at all a Hallmark invention to sell more cards. In the US, the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, thanks to the efforts of Ms **Sonora Dodd** to honor her father, who single-handedly raised six children. So Happy Father's Day to my Poplex and to all the dads out there! You all deserve a wonderful day!

E-mail me at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph

BANTAY Bata head Gina Lopez, Cedie Vargas and Carey Lopez in Jaro

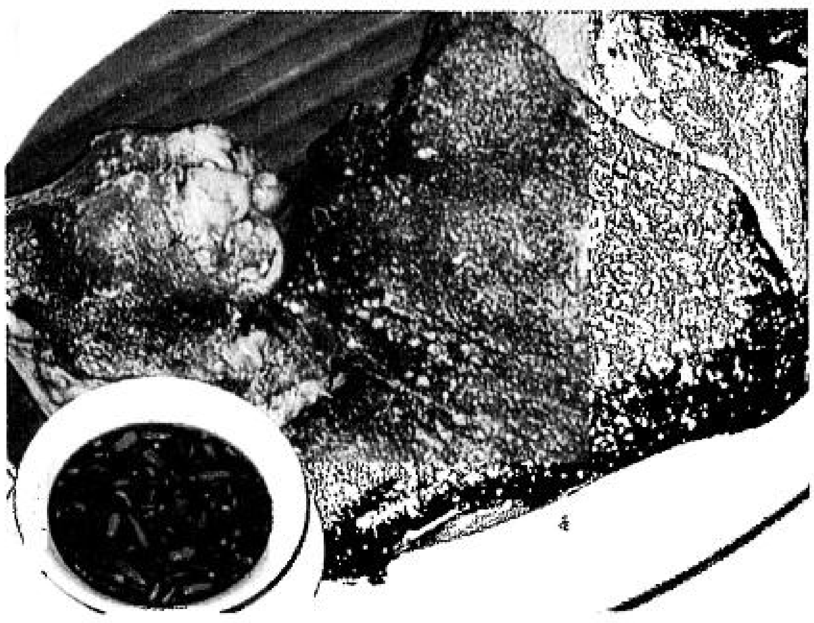
PGH pediatrics chief resident Dr. Tina Cifra and Migi's Corner founder Cathy Guballa

MERALCO Millenium Foundation director Mike Lopez paints trusses for the GK project.

BLESSING of Upper West Day Care Center with Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga (in black) with wife Kaye and daughter Kerry, Fr. Gerard Deveza and the energetic Assumption High School Class '81

EUGENIO LOPEZ, SR.
GK VILLAGE
THE LOPEZ clan building together the Eugenio Lopez Sr.-GK Village in Jaro, Iloilo

Pinoy treats for Dad



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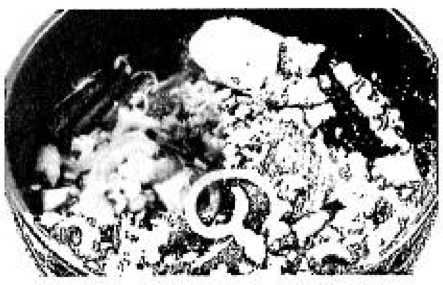

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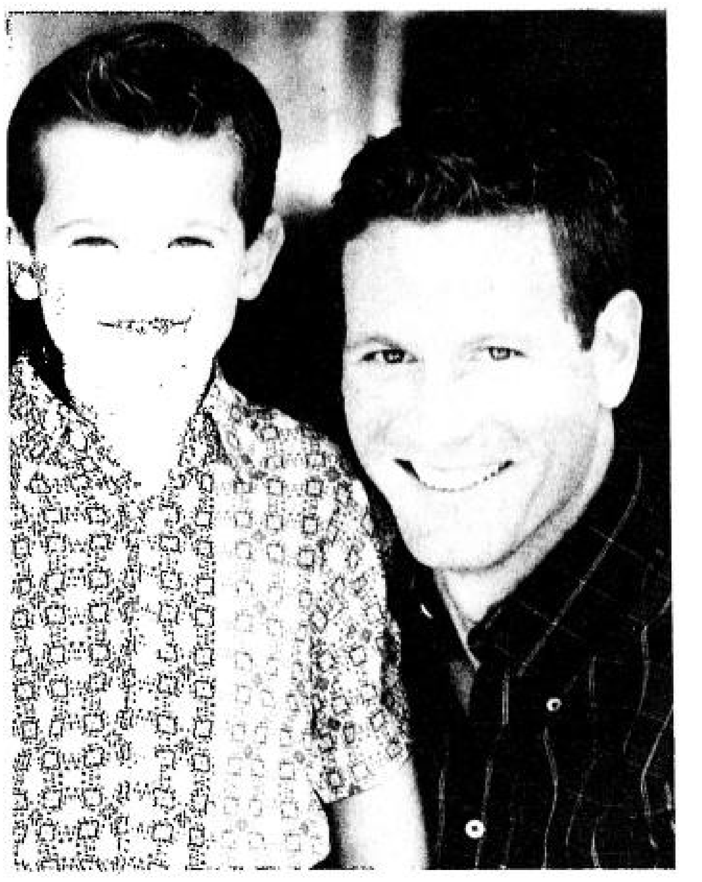

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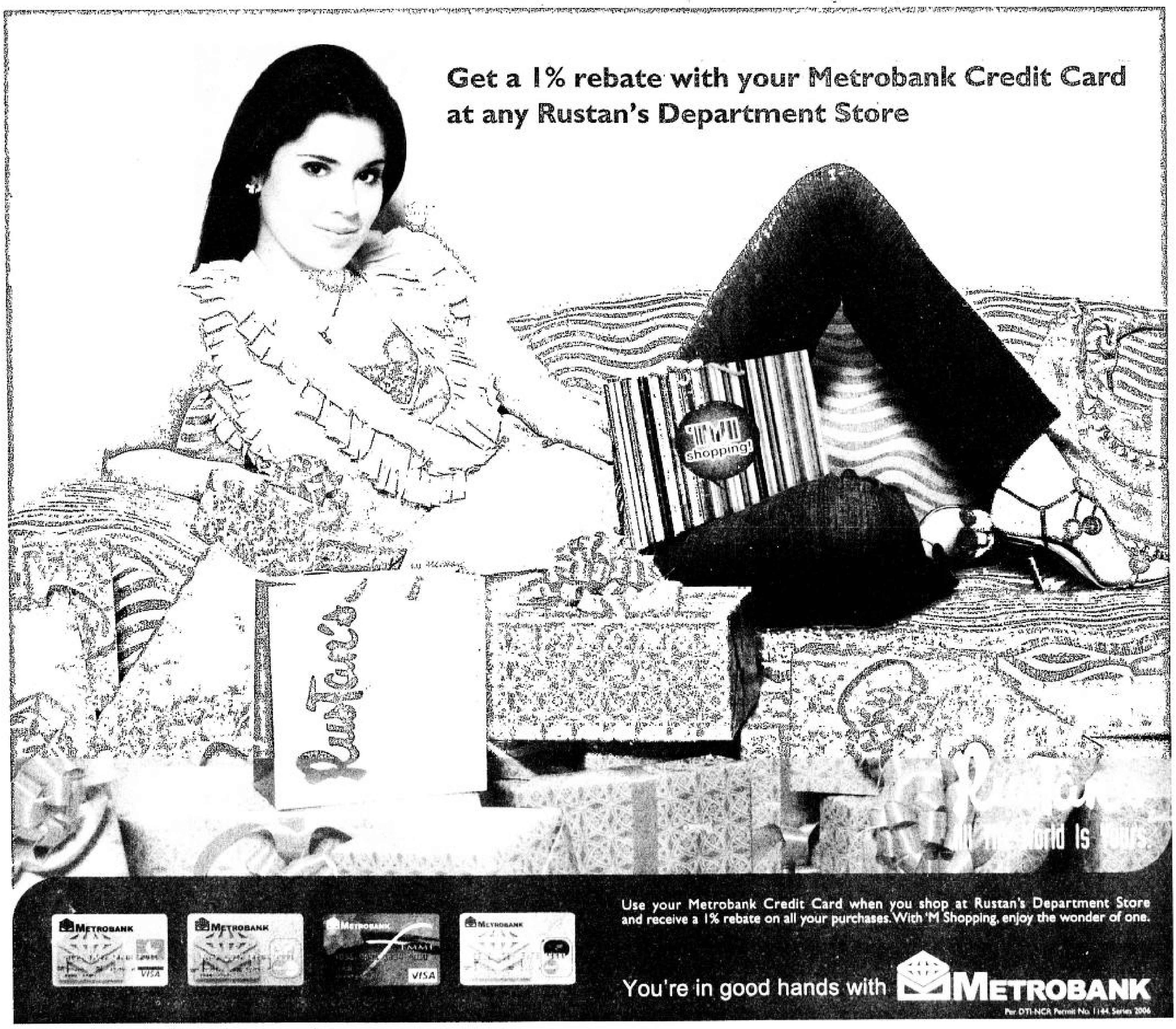

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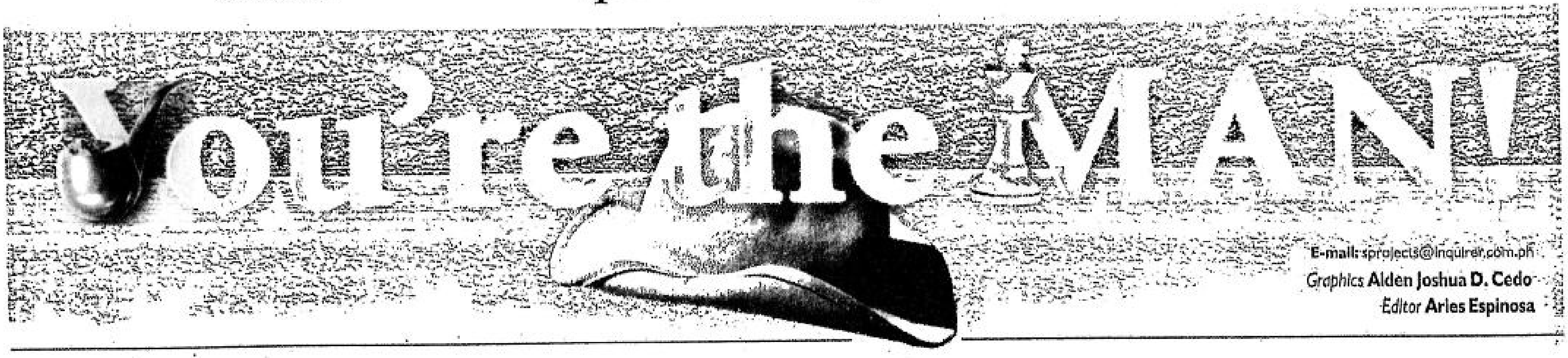

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A miracle for the asking

How many of us take our eyes for granted? For many fathers, the joy of being in the company of loved ones is greatly diminished because of vision problems - caused either by abuse or by age. Sometimes, all it takes to bring back clarity and color to life is a visit to your optometrist and undergo that comprehensive eye exam.

By Dick Ildefonso

LET ME SHARE WITH YOU AN EXHILARATing experience that has somehow turned back the hands of time to improve my quality of life.

I am a broadcaster and have concentrated on covering sports for radio and television for half a century. I consider myself quite fortunate because being a sportsman as well, I was given the opportunity to be where the action is locally and internationally and enjoyed incorporating my insights in the course of my sportscasting.

A very important facet of my work was to see the action clearly and describe this into words accurately. Of course, all one's senses come into play to provide televiewers with a comprehensive and exciting coverage. These are usually taken for granted when one is young, healthy and eager to do his thing. The swift passage of the years however brings on a rude awakening.

When I turned 60, I decided to semi-retire, which meant choosing only assignments that I really enjoyed doing. I devoted more time to playing the wonderful game of golf in different courses throughout the country and even in the United States. Being a broadcaster, I was one of the founders of the Kapisanan ng mga Golfers sa Brodkast (KGB) which was established in the mid-'80s and of which I have been president-for-life for the past 13 years. KGB holds monthly tournaments in various venues in and around Metro Manila and has been flourishing despite coups, the currency crisis, political demos and the natural calamities that have beset us like typhoons, landslides and earthquakes. It is with a great sense of pride when I say that we have never missed a single monthly tournament since I became KGB president.

Early this year, I noticed my game deteriorating. I was not hitting the ball squarely. My short game, which I considered better than average, was gradually deserting me. My putting was all shot. No sense of feel or touch which to a golfer can be very disturbing because this is what we rely on to bring down our score. Not only was I losing confidence in my golf game, driving in city traffic was starting to stress me out particularly at night. My left eye vision was starting to blur and I needed reading glasses and bright light to read text messages. I figured I probably needed an upgrade in my distance and reading glasses.

As fate would have it while I was deciding what to do, I went to the Asian Eye Institute for my comprehensive eye examination. My wife was also experiencing the same difficulty with her eyes and stopped driving at night because of it. Both of us underwent the eye exam, which was professionally done by a team of optometrists and eye surgeons. We were then informed that we had cataract in both eyes and needed an operation.

We were both concerned and wanted to know more about the procedure. Cataract is not a disease but a condition that comes with age. Contrary to popular belief, a laser is not used in the operation. Rather, an instrument is used to break up the cataract into little pieces, which are then vacuumed out of the eye. An intraocular lens is then inserted customized to one's distance requirements, which becomes part of one's eye. The operation itself is painless and takes from 15 to 20 minutes. Aside from the inconvenience of having to wear goggles for 2 to 3 weeks and taking care not to allow water in your eye while showering during the healing period, you are none the worse for wear for undergoing it.

Convinced of the necessity and anxious to regain as close to normal vision as possible, my wife and I decided to bite the bullet. Our operation was scheduled one eye at a time a week apart so we could return home immediately after as outpatients. Our attending physician, Dr. Pik Sha Chan-Uy was pleasantly attractive and highly professional and took charge of our operations with nary a hitch. Everything went like clockwork just as she said it would.

After my first operation, I was changing

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What are fathers made for?

BESIDES THE OBVIOUS REASONS OF being a very necessary part in producing new life, as well as being perceived as the primary provider in the family, fathers were made to take on several other roles essential in their kids' lives. From playmate, mentor, example, to friend, dads have gone from the traditional tyrant to our number one guy.

Did you know that dads can be great jungle gyms? Fathers spend more time proportionally, with their children in high-energy, physical play than mother do. Studies show that dads tend to engage in more stimulating, roughhousing activities, usually using the elements of surprise and excitement. Through the role of the playmate, a father is able to encourage a child's sense of autonomy and independence, major milestones of social and emotional growth.

Fathers become superheroes in the eyes of their kids, both as a problem-solver and mentor. Who fixes things around the home? Who's strong enough to lift the sofa without any help? Who's opinion can one ask when it comes to making decisions? Fathers exhibit effective problem-solving skills, and through these, gain the opportunity to show children how to make and act on decisions, as well as experience the consequences of their actions. The process lets dad foster and instill the concepts of responsibility and self-reliance in his child.

Dad can also serve as a guide or great example to his little ones, maintaining authority, but using it effectively. Guidance, after all, is a collaborative effort between parent and child that involves an ongoing process of father-child interaction. Fathers talk about family values and morals, but more than lecturing kids about these vital concepts, dads make great examples by practicing what they preach, living a life that is worthy to be emulated by the children that come after him.

Great father
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Often seen as someone involved in preparing children for life's challenges, as well as protecting them when necessary, many people tend to forget that fathers can be fun and interesting friends. They've had many experiences, are knowledgeable in a variety of things, have probably done everything else you've been wanting to do, can therefore advise you on it, and even, do these things with you.

Make this Father's Day extra special by letting dad discover how much you appreciate everything he does. Hallmark has a range of specialty cards designed to allow a fitting tribute to the man of many roles. It's high time we let dad know just how much we love him.

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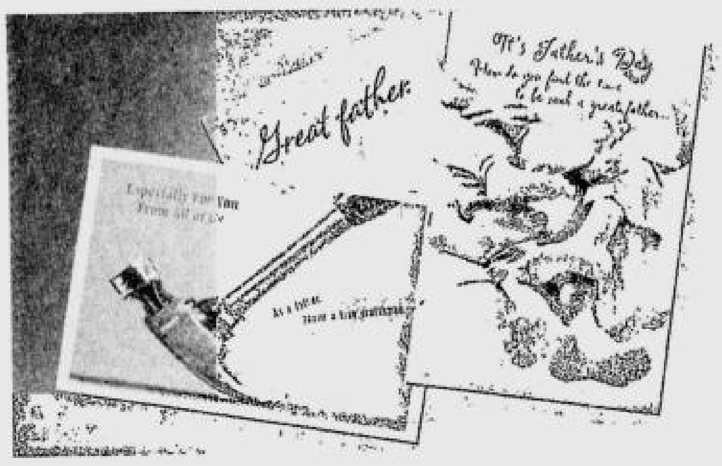

Treat papa to an Italian feast at Segafredo

TODAY IS FATHER'S DAY , AND FINDing the perfect gift for a man who's been one's guide to life can prove to be quite a task.

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For reservations and inquiries, you may contact Segafredo Zannetti Espresso Bar at Greenbelt 2 at 747-4058 and at The Podium at 633-3421.

A miracle...

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into my street clothes in the locker room. I checked my cell and found I had a couple of messages. Without realizing what I was doing, I scrolled through them and read them without my reading glasses! It was such an amazing experience and it came immediately after the operation that my spirits soared. If after only the first operation I had such positive results, imagine what was in store for me after the second! My wife and I have now fully recovered from our operations and our expectations have not only been met but exceeded.

Tests have revealed that our distance vision is 20-20. Our reading glasses have to be downgraded from 250-400 to something like 50. My wife and I have no qualms about driving at night. Day driving is even better because I can now pick out pebbles, nails and glass shards to avoid in the road. I kid thee not.

And my golf game? I am now faced with trying to maintain my handicap because not only am I hitting the ball squarely, my short game and putting are back and I find myself regularly making birdies and pars. Where before I would ask my caddie where my ball went after hitting it, now my flightmates ask me where their balls went!

This is without doubt one of the most wonderful and exhilarating experiences in our lives! If you have the same problem, let the experienced and professional staff using the latest state-of-the-art equipment of the Asian Eye Institute perform the same miracle for you!

The Asian Eye Institute is located at the 9th Floor, Phinma Building, Rockwell Center, Makati City. Call 898-2020, fax 898-2002, or e-mail eyehelp@asianeyeinstitute.com. Log on to www.asianeyeinstitute.com.

A lasting gift for the man of the house

IT'S FATHER'S DAY AND YOU MUST BE IN a quandary about what to give the most important man in your life. Why not give dad a gift that is valuable and practical at the same time? Some thing he can carry with him everyday and remind him how much you love him.

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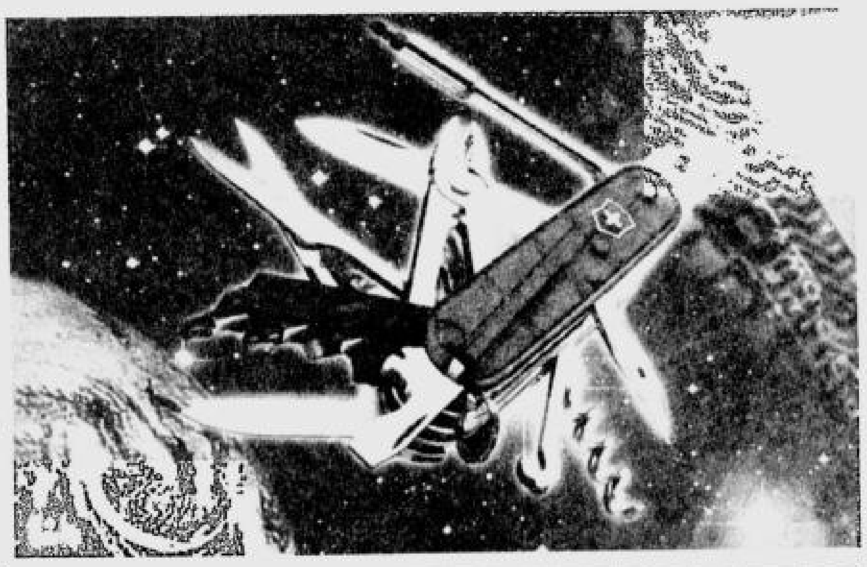
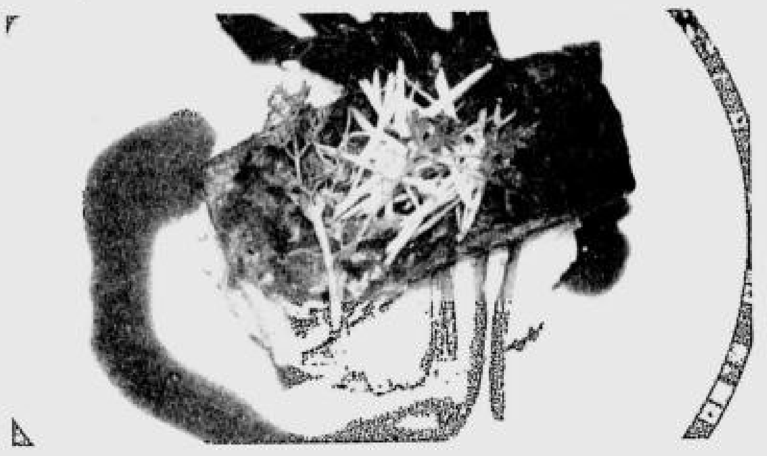


A day of pampering fit for a king at the Century Park Hotel

HE'S BEEN WORKING SO HARD ALL year through. Give to him a well-deserved relaxation and pampering as Century Park will let all dads be the king on his special day. Whatever is your choice, be assured of sure to please splendid indulgence for the whole family.

For only P895++ per adult and P500++ for children 4 to 12 years old, bond with the whole family at Café in the Park, and satisfy dad's hearty appetite in a lunch or dinner buffet with his favorite Western and Asian fare. Must try in the cold section are Tuna Carpaccio, Marinated Spanish Mackerel and Seafood Cocktail in Champagne Glass. While in the Salad Station, appetizing and healthy choices ranging from Crab and Avocado Salad, Heart of Palm, Chicken and Mango with Walnuts, Tabouleh and Wild Mushroom are just some of the best options. Whether it's the Watercress Cream Soup with Almond or Chicken Clear Soup with Artichokes and Asparagus, it will surely be a satisfying warm up for the gastronomic journey. For the most awaited part of the buffet station, it features Braised Shitake with Herbs, Oven-Baked Cream Dory with Capers and Shallots, Seafood Crepes with Mornay Sauce, Herb Scented Steamed Cornish Hen with Lemon Grass Cream Sauce. Dad's discriminating palate will surely be impressed with the Chef's Special Creations, brought to life by executive chef Rudy Velasco's imagination and culinary talents. This month features Croustade of Escargot and Wild Mushrooms with Armagnac Cream, (pastry crust, escargot, demi glace, button mushroom, straw mushroom and mashed potato) Oven-Baked Brazilian Seabass Glaced with Honey Ginger Sauce, (seabass fillet, lemon juice, ginger fine julienne, carlrose rice, and Japanese spinach) Medallion of Tasmanian Salmon on Golden Pumpkin Puree with Chervil Sabayon (salmon medallion, white wine, chervil, green rice, and pumpkin mousse) and Pine Nuts Encrusted Chicken Supreme with Tarragon Sauce (chicken, white wine, fresh tarragon, potato and zucchini).



Dad's cravings for truly authentic Japanese specialties will surely be satisfied at Unsui. For only P1200++ per person, experience a private moment in the tatami room or one of the private rooms with the whole family. Specially prepared set meal from appetizer to dessert promises to be a complete indulgence itself. Highlighting Lapu-Lapu Usuzukuri, (thinly sliced lapu-lapu) Gyoku-Sui, (soft bolied egg and kani stick in clear soup) Tori-Negi Roll, (chicken and shallot roll) Shiraou, (white bait fish) Enoki (golden mushroom) and Mitsuba Tempura (trefoil fritters).

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Dad's feet need breathing space too

IT'S FATHER'S DAY, TELL DAD TO relax for a while, put his feet up, or better yet, let his feet breathe, by giving him Geox shoes. Here is why Geox is the perfect fit and choice for dad's feet:

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Geox breathes patented system - Micro-holes in the rubber outsole let perspiration from the feet out of the shoes, the protective breathable membrane keeps water out and the feet dry.

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2. The membrane - The Geox revolution has been made possible after extensive research and development of the membrane, made of a special micro-porous material, which absorbs sweat through the insole and expels it in the form of water vapour.

This process is made possible as the membrane's micro-pores are larger than water vapour molecules, but smaller than water droplets - hence keeping water out and the feet dry.

3. The end consumer benefit - It is natural to sweat through the feet - what is unhealthy is to keep the sweat inside of the shoes.

By gradually eliminating humidity from the inside of the shoe, the Geox breathes patented system allows balancing the ideal microclimate inside of the footwear, with the result of balanced temperature and dry feet.

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Father, from a son's point of view

By Joel V. Nigos

At 70, Tatay has always exuded a securing presence. There's that thing about fathers, something hard to explain. For their mere presence alone, something deep within us whispers everything will be all right

I HAVE VIVID MEMORIES ABOUT MY father when I was a child.

He used to wake us up on Christmas Eve and have us attend the party hosted by my grandparents. I wouldn't forget those moments because those were when I received gifts, participated in games and contests and brought home even more gifts. I remember not going home though I already felt so sleepy. I would just wake up the next day at our house. My father had carried me home.

The Christmas parties happened for several years more. But then they stopped when he decided to work abroad. He had just one ultimate purpose then, that was, to secure our education which he knew he would not be able to provide if he stayed here. Looking back, I know he succeeded in his goal. Those 10 years of toiling in a faraway land did not come to waste. For my young heart, though, I wanted him home during those years—because I want more Christmas parties, more gifts and prizes.

There's something I like about tatay (that's how we fondly call Mr. Amado Nigos). I knew he wanted to make up for those lost years. Back in college, I used to go home from school past midnight or in the wee hours of the morning. Blame it on my course which had unpredictable schedules. He used to wait for me in the place where I usually dropped off, and accompanied me home.

I liked it when it rained. He always had an umbrella with him. No need to wait for the rain to stop for me to go home. That umbrella really helped.

Now to the present. Still, my father continues to amaze me. When his "grownup" kids still find themselves in need of assistance, he's always ready to help. From fixing the wire installations to installing a cable connection, from paying the bills to cooking to attending to his grandchildren, he's always just a call (or a text) away.

Tatay and I used to watch the same programs on TV. While the women in the house were on standby for those sappy soaps and tearjerkers and the kids were hooked on wrestling and cartoons, we usually went for the news, sports and National Geographic shows on TV.

One time, the two of us played badminton. I know he was no match for me, what with his age and the aching joints that came with it. But he was game, and tried to keep up with the pace.

Tatay has also been among the faithful of the Christian sect Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ. Though his conversion drew some adverse reactions from the mostly Catholic members of the family, we stopped asking why when he told us, with finality, that it was "between me and God." Yes, indeed, faith is personal. But we're still affected, especially when he listens to his sect's radio program until late night. We unintentionally become the program's listeners.

I never had a spat with my father for reasons I do not know. Maybe because I'm a dutiful and a good son, or maybe there's a totally different reason altogether.

Tatay is a willing recipient of those "corporate" gifts and giveaways I receive which I do not find useful. Those large shirts, those shirts with old (or odd) colors, those with big brand names or whatever advocacies emblazoned on it, and those caps with various trademarks printed on it. It amuses me how he would always "adopt" them with open arms, even treating them as *biyaya* (blessing) coming straight from heaven.

I remember never having an argument with my father, only good conversations.

Tatay retired several years ago. Retirement means the wellspring of income has "dried up", and there's no other recourse but to rely solely on the meager monthly social security pensions (An amount just enough for him to have new dentures. Yes, tatay has sparkling whiter teeth than I have). Yes, the dutiful son now always obliges when his elder approaches him with open arms, and open palms.

Tatay is a willing beneficiary of those old clothes and shoes I no longer want to use. I know he has bigger feet. I saw him use my old pair of shoes until they wore out. I just couldn't explain how those shoes fit.

At 70, I can say that my father is in the pink of health. Despite the pain in his joints whenever he overexerts himself (a condition dealt with easily with Efficascent Oil), he has no complaints. He had a problem with hypertension several years ago, but that ailment has mysteriously abandoned him, even as he took no maintenance medicines.

Perhaps his good health habits did the trick (a diet of vegetables and fish with less and less meat, a little exercise), or maybe his spiritual fervor (read: prayer). Yes, he had long acknowledged his Creator for his health, something he continues to reiterate whenever he gets the chance to talk to us.

All these years, tatay has always exuded a securing presence. There's that thing about fathers, something hard to explain. For their mere presence alone, something deep within us whispers everything will be all right.

Dad's treasure-hunting with Titania

SELECTING A UNIQUE AND MEMORABLE gift for your dad for Father's Day may be a tough endeavor. But with Titania foot care products, you can now come up with that special gift. Let this suggestion guide you through:

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2. Leave a note on his office table saying: "Bring this note home and see something that contains horse chestnut that strengthens, stretches and protects the veins while stimulating the blood circulation of the feet." At the back of the note comes the next task, it's good to use poetic words in writing a similar thought as: "Ask the security guard of your office to hand over the next task to you."
3. Ask him to get the note from the guard. Say in the note: "What does exfoliate dead cells and reveals new skin cells." At the back, reveal the next task: "After the break, ask your office secretary to give you the next note."
4. The note from his secretary should say: "Want more? This one restores and seals your skin's natural moisture." At the back, let him read the task: "Excited to get home? See ya at the gate!"
5. At home, surprise him with a conspicuous note at the gate. Written in the note is: "Go to the door entrance and take 5 steps from there. Then look to your right. See those gifts? Match the same note color to the color of the gifts. Put them in the basket beside the last gift and bring them to the lanai." The colors of the tags on the gifts should match the colors of the notes with your dad so he can easily match them.
6. At the lanai, welcome him with a "Happy Fathers' Day" banner. Make him sit on the massage chair and prepare his home-made foot spa!
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Westgate Father's Day Amazing Race

Westgate Alabang will mark Father's Day celebration on June 18 with an "amazing race" among father-and-child teams. The event dubbed, "Westgate Father's Day Amazing Race" is open to all fathers aged 50 and below and their children 15 and below. The contest starts at 12 noon, with each team taking off from different starting points in a race to accomplish four sets of tasks before reaching the finish line. The first five teams to complete the race shall be the winners who will receive exciting prizes. Interested parties may register at any Westgate center tenant outlet or through its marketing office in Festival Supermall from June 5 up to the 15th. Both father and child should bring their birth certificates and valid IDs, and accomplish the registration and waiver forms. The contest is part of Westgate's Father's Day Jamboree, which includes an outdoor party and food binge for the race participants. Westgate Alabang is a lifestyle center, considered as the new trend in shopping, dining and entertainment, in an ambience completely different from crowded malls. Westgate Alabang is located at the Filinvest Corporate City in Alabang, Muntinlupa City. For more details, please call 850-3516.

Gloria Jean's Coffees' Chillers: Cool coffee concoctions for a cool dad

CHILL OUT WITH DAD THIS Father's Day with a cool blast of your favorite brew over at Gloria Jean's Coffees with their flavorful array of Chiller concoctions.

Gloria Jean's Coffees' Chillers come in 5 varieties of base - Mocha, Cappuccino, Espresso, Chocolate Macadamia and Irish Chocolate. The first three bases come in a selection of flavors. The last two chiller bases are special flavors by themselves.

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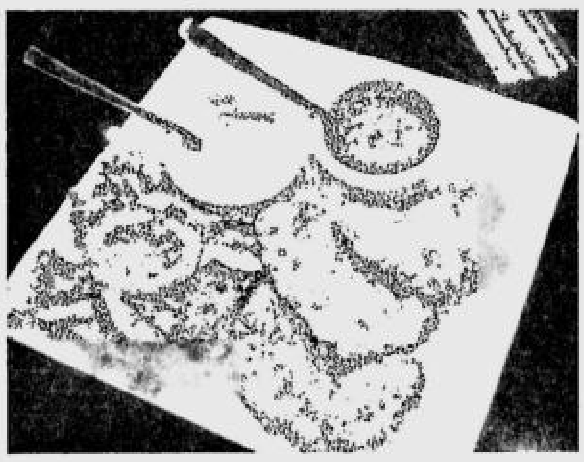
Gloria Jean's

Teasing new menu for the man of the house



TEAK BISTRO, A POPULAR dining destination at the Power Plant Mall in the trendy neighborhood of Rockwell in Makati, offers a near-perfect balance between elegance and comfort, between friendliness and professionalism-traits that also describe fathers making their mark at home and at work.

Teak Bistro management and head chef Ed Quimson are also aware of the perennial need for new flavors and are quick to respond to it. In fact, Teak Bistro has just unveiled a totally new menu not just for dads but for all food lovers in Metro Manila.

The first page of the bill of fare describes highly original starters in its Bar Chow list such as paella negra spring rolls, sotanghon guisado sukiyaki style, gambas guava butter, and crispy laing ravioli. For those looking for familiar starters there is the bucket of mussels.

The soups are a combination of new and familiar names: tomato soup, cream of mussels with almond butter, and blue cheese wanton soup.

Is dad a pasta fanatic? Then he'll be beguiled by new creations such as tuyo pasta as well as tinapa, tomato and dill cream cheese pasta. Otherwise there is shrimp carbonara and seafood putanesca.

The creativity continues into pizza territory such as chicken and pork adobo pizza and tinapa, kesong puti and chicharon.

The main course is a combination of the new and familiar such as Teak's paella, prawns jambalaya, paella negra, lapu-lapu meaunnierre, and Don Manolo steak.

Finally, there is the masterful dessert menu which includes decadent choco cake, Ethel (sugar free dessert), and Doreen (banana and cinnamon toast).

Overall, chef Ed Quimson has created a wildly eclectic list of entrees in enticing presentations. They tease the mind and the senses, and leave dad smiling in satisfaction.

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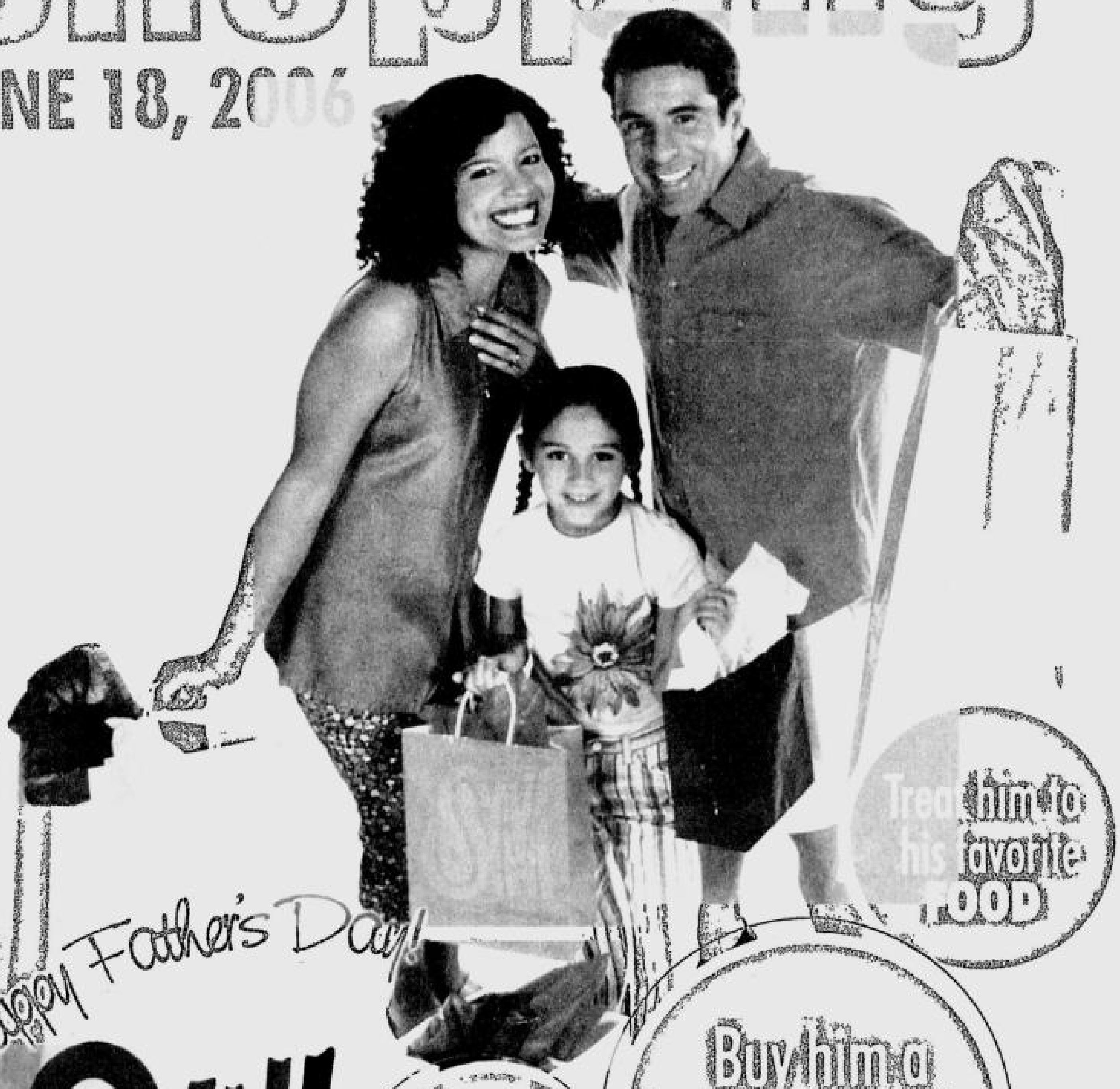

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Embracing the new role

Tatay Ben is now a 'house-husband' by choice and finds himself fit to be called one

By Marlet D. Salazar

THE PHENOMENON THAT IS "house-husband" has been increasing with more Filipino women working overseas. The roles of men and women may have slowly been switching but society is gradually embracing it.

One of the main reasons for the increasing number of house-husbands is the huge demand for overseas Filipino workers. Most jobs available are open for women. The opportunity is there for them and with that comes the sacrifice of leaving their families for a period of time.

Here comes what fathers can do to fill the shoes left behind by mothers.

One example is 53-year-old Vivencio "Tatay Ben" Fuentes whose wife, Mina Norie, had just left for Israel to work in December last year. Since then, Tatay Ben has been performing dual (or even triple) roles for the family: that is father, mother, and a doting grandfather.

Tatay Ben has since assumed to doing household chores, most especially the financial planning because he values his wife's sacrifices so much. It is also in accordance with their "agreement" that has a timeline of 10 years. And this includes having their own house and each one for their two children.

Working abroad is inevitable for the family. It seems impossible for one parent to take all the responsibilities of providing for the family. Times are getting hard each day.

"There is no other way but for one of us to work in a foreign land," he adds.

"I was not very successful working abroad," he says, "So we are trying if my wife will do better this time."

Tatay Ben started going abroad in 1980 after he married his wife. He had been to Brunei, Abu Dhabi, and Saudi Arabia. He worked as staff in the dietary department of the Ministry of Health of KSA.

"We're the ones assigned to feed the patients in the hospital," he says.

After only two years of college education (BS Management), he decided to just get a job. Tatay Ben attended various seminars on food service. It paved the way for him to work on the food service sector for many years.

The last time he had been involved in this type of business was before his wife left abroad. They have a small *carinderia* that sells porridge just outside of their home in Barangay Botocan, Project 2, Quezon City.

Because his two children, Mylene, 26, and Oliver, 24, already have their own families, Tatay Ben's world revolves around his three grandkids, especially the elder one whom he accompanies to school every day.

He is very much concerned of what matters to most housewives: financial planning.

Tatay Ben had the share of the good life when he worked overseas. So he practically knows the value of what Mina is doing in a foreign land.

He stopped going abroad in 1992 after working overseas for a total of only four years. He worked in several food centers and hotels here in the country.

Tatay Ben and Mina were co-workers in a food center in Cubao where they met and fell in love. "There was no formal courtship whatsoever," he re-

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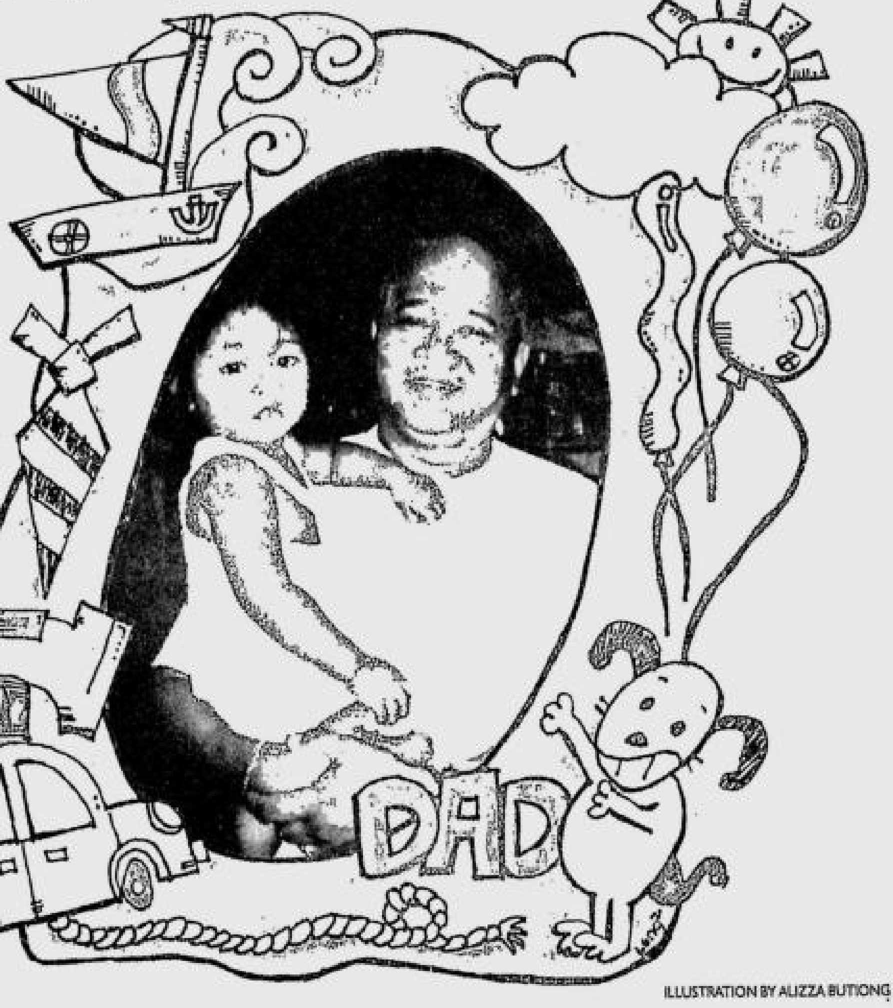

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Embracing the new role

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calls, "Because we saw each other every day, we found ourselves falling for each other and we eventually married."

Their first child, Mylene, has one son and is married to an OFW who now works in Saudi Arabia. Oliver has two kids and is currently living with their father together with his wife.

Because his daughter has work, Tatay Ben took the responsibility of caring for her son. In the morning, he would press the child's uniform, feed him, and bring him to school for the 11:30 a.m. class.

At home, he would tend to some household chores like cooking, ironing clothes, and cleaning the house.

Aside from being busy with attending to the needs in the house, Tatay Ben is active in several organizations in the *barangay*. In the afternoon, he would either conduct meetings or stay in the *barangay* hall to help out in some activities.

At 4:30 p.m. he would then fetch his grandson from school and help him out with his assignments.

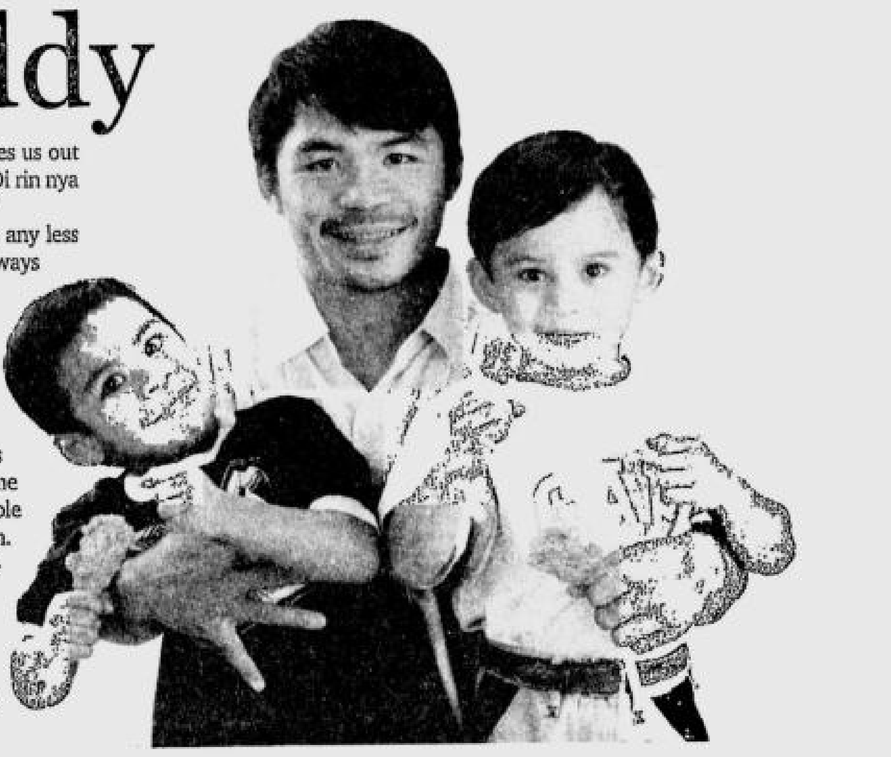
Tatay Ben said in spite of the hard life, one just has to be content with what he has. 'Just hearing your grandchildren laugh is reward enough for me." They would take their snacks together and share a good laugh telling stories.

Although his son who lives with him is still adjusting to the situation where the mother is not around, Tatay Ben is slowly establishing his role as a husband.

"This new 'trend' is not about demeaning the status of the Filipino male," Tatay Ben says.

"We help our wives because we are partners in life. At this point in our lives it is she who has the opportunity to work, the least that I can do is look after our children and grandchildren."

Pacman: One fine daddy



WORLD BOXING CHAMP MANNY Pacquiao has always been his two sons' champion dad of all time. For starter, he doesn't mind taking blows of punch from the world's fiercest boxers and torturing himself with a notorious training routine if only to have a living and send his two juniors to school. At the very least, his two little big boys are who keep him going back tirelessly to the ring one victory after the other.

For almost a decade, Pacman has been celebrating Fathers' Day with his family. This year may be different though. As much as Manny would have loved to treat his family out for Fathers' Day, he has to keep track of his training. And that's because not only has he got two sons looking up to him as their hero, but the entire nation and the world as well, who continually count on him as their idol and symbol of hope.

McDonald's, too, celebrates Fathers' Day with Pacman's glorious triumphs as a father and as a champion. Even before his success in boxing-and even beyond his stature as one of McDonald's' illustrious endorsers-Pacman has always had a special spot for the world's number one quick service restaurant, admitting that "madalas kaming kumakain sa McDo sa Gen San (General Santos City). Kami ni Jinkee at mga anak ko, laging Chicken McDo ang order. Paborito din nila Michael at Emmanuel ang McSpaghetti at magbitbit ng Happy Meal pag-uwi." He'd add, "Kahit saan ako mapadpad, dito man sa Manila o sa ibang bansa nung nagte-training ako, McDo pa rin ang hanap ko."

As Jinkee attests, "Manny is the perfect father na talaga. Before, 'nung hindi pa sya masyadong busy sa boxing and trainings nya, lagi nyang sinusundo and mga bata sa school and take them out to McDonald's almost everyday. Pero ngayon, kahit gaano sya ka-busy, whenever possible, he takes us out talaga-sa park, sa mall, sa church. Di rin nya talaga kinakalimutan ang church."

His absence does not make him any less of a good father that he has always been. In fact, he only has the prayers and support of his family and countrymen for his upcoming fight with Mexican champion boxer Oscar Larios. This does not bother him either, as he knows that deep within is his continuing mission to stand up to the challenge of keeping his people proud and optimistic of their nation.

Manny Pacquiao: a great husband, two smart boys' loving father and a millions' inspiring icon of hope, victory and determination. How else can a man be a success to his family and his country?

Bitoy beyond the punchline

GIVEN THE VARIETY OF ROLES HE HAS played on several of his hit shows, Michael V continues to put a premium on his role as a father. With endorsements for various brands such as a major telco company and immediate name recall among Filipinos from all walks of life, Michael V's kind of success may lead others to take things for granted. However, the man many know as "Bitoy" remains a doting dad in spite of his quest for excellence in his craft.

Michael V started out as a song writer, with the hopes of having a big-name singer lend his talent to his compositions. However, his producer asked him to sing his own songs instead. "That's how I got started. I felt that rap music was close enough to singing so I grabbed the opportunity." His penchant for novelty songs though, led him on the path to comedy. "I got veered into comedy, given that the songs I wrote were considered novelty songs. I chose that path then. I've been blessed to have been successful in the choice I made. I love both singing and comedy."

Given his love for his work, particularly since the road to success was a difficult one, Michael V is not one to rely on formulas when it comes to further perfecting his craft. "I love what I do. This is why when I see the opportunity to improve my performance, I take it. I do research online, I read, I watch television, even the shows of other comedians. When people see that kind of dedication, they are more appreciative of you. If you are sincere and are passionate, it will show."

This sincerity and passion involves using all means possible to deliver the best punch line, especially his mobile phone. A Globe subscriber for years now, he finds that text messaging helps a lot when it comes to conducting business. "When texting was first introduced, my colleagues and I were one of the first to exchange jokes via text. Also, with mobile communications now enabling easy access to e-mail, we can send and receive script corrections easily. Being the creative director of 'Bubble Gang', this feature is very handy. It decreases the risk of wrong punch lines, etc." Further, Michael V shared that his mobile phone is an essential part of his work. "My mobile phone has everything-my scripts, songs I need to learn, drawings, ideas, etc. My phone use is really maximized. For example, when I'm driving and I get an idea, it's difficult to write it down. So I use my phone's sound recorder."

Over and above his dedication to work, though, Michael V is a devoted father. Having three children, aged 3, 8 and 12, he tries to involve himself in their daily activities, taking them to and from school as well as helping them with their homework. He adds that he can be a strict dad. "I lay down the rules. There's a pattern they should follow when it comes to conducting their activities. There's a schedule they should adhere to. However, when they do well or behave properly, there's a reward waiting for them."

Michael V's family also serves as his number one critic. He, for example, runs jokes and scripts by his wife. Meanwhile, he watches his kids' reaction to the shows he does. "If they laugh then it's a good indication that everyone else who sees the show will enjoy it."

When it comes to his family, Michael V is a self-confessed worrywart. This is why his mobile phone has come to play an important role in his relationship with them and he even admits that he and his family have gotten closer because of it. "Previously, it was hard to always be on the go and stay in touch. You're not updated easily. I am more at ease now that they are just a text message or call away; it helps me to be more focused on my work. In fact, my wife is the first person on my speed dial, followed by my son, then the numbers at home:" For him, the number one use of his mobile phone is for calling. "If calling doesn't work, I send text messages instead. On the other hand, if I want to buy something for my wife, for example, I send her a photo of the item via MMS."

Michael also sees the benefit provided by having a mobile phone when it comes to his hobby of purchasing items from out of the country. "I like buying things from out of the country, whether for my wife or children. If I can't get it over the Internet because they don't deliver to the Philippines, then I ask my friends based abroad to get it for me. I don't even have to sit down and look for a PC because mobile phones allows for Internet access on your phone. Aside from that, my friends can send me the picture messages via MMS so I can say whether I like it or not. I can also receive alerts as to where the package is via text. Mas madali na kong bumili ng regalo para sa pamilya ko!"

He also sees the myriad opportunities presented by the cell phone to OFWs and their families. "Family is very important. This is why I understand and appreciate the sacrifice other parents have made in going abroad to work-they're doing it for their families. And since these OFWs and their families are apart from each other, both parties need reassurance that the other is doing well. The best way is through a phone call or a text message. And now, with 3G for example, these people won't worry as much because they can see their loved ones via video calling."

Indeed, just like these OFWs and their families, Michael's mobile phone and the services he avails of have made it much easier for him to bond with his family, from something as simple as asking how his son's day went to discussing important matters like a doctor's appointment with his wife. And at a time when the pressure of being a sought-after performer can easily take its toll, leading to a strained family life, Michael V has seemingly overcome the odds and balances being a family man and a public persona. "There's no secret formula to parenting. Kapag faithful ka sa ginagawa mo, always willing to do your best, lahat posible."

Shopping is a breeze for daddy Joko at Shopwise

ACTOR JOKO DIAZ WITH HIS RUGGED looks and all has portrayed tough guys onscreen through the years. From everyone's hero to the unrepentant villain, he had these played convincingly. But for his wife and two-year old daughter, Joko is remote from those characters. The actor-entrepreneur is actually a kid a heart - take him to the grocery's wine section and he breaks into a gleeful mood akin to a child.

Married for five years now, Joko says that grocery shopping is a form of relaxation and a family thing they do twice or thrice a week in the afternoons. While his kid is in the pushcart munching on M&Ms, he and his wife fill their cart with the usual essentials, starting at the babies' section before going anything else.

"I love shopping at Shopwise because the parking is okay and the staff are very helpful," Diaz says. Clearly, he is one dad who would not want to be inconvenienced of these "minor" glitches since grocery shopping is one of their family bonding activities before his wife, an international flight attendant, leaves for work and he becomes preoccupied too to his own schedule which include playing basketball and helping out at their steak restaurant in Batangas.

Shopwise is located at the ground floor of the Harrison Plaza Mall, Manila, along the main thoroughfare at M.L. Quezon Avenue corner Circumferential Road in Antipolo City, at the ground floor of the Festival Supermall in Alabang, at the corner of Pasong Tamo and Vito Cruz Sts., in Makati, along E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Bagumbayan, Libis and at the corner of General Aguinaldo and McArthur Avenues in Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City.

'Daddy & Me' celebrations

TODAY, BOTH THE CROWNE PLAZA GALLERIA Manila and the Holiday Inn Galleria Manila are inviting all fathers and their miniature look-alikes (i.e. sons or daughters) to exciting "Daddy & Me" celebrations at all their dining outlets. There'll be lots of raffle prizes for lucky dads at the Father's Day Fortune Draw that will include complimentary massage at Suriya Spa and gift certificates for fitness workouts at Red Corner Fitness Gym.

Crowne Plaza's Seven Corners will feature a yummy buffet filled with exciting activities for the entire family! Kids can tickle daddy's fancy by creating-a-pizza at the Pizza Station or loading up on a volcano of ice cream with all the sweetest toppings! There are seven interactive food stations where the young ones-and the young once-can watch chefs perform their culinary talents while whipping up an assortment of international dishes.

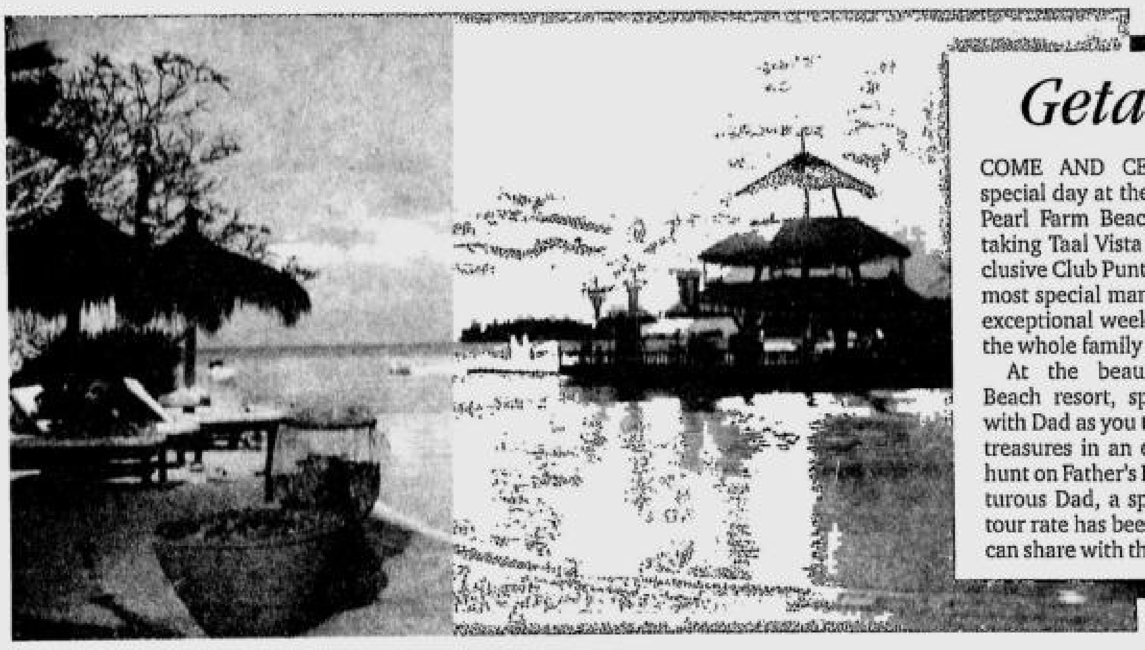
Xin Tian Di is Crowne Plaza's authentic Cantonese Restaurant. Its name is borrowed from its namesake, a stylish neighborhood that is now one of Shanghai's hottest spots of bourgeoisie splendors. "Xin Tian Di" literally means New, Heaven, Earth or in the case of this dining outlet-it's short of saying "the beginning of a heaven on earth". Excellent food selections of just about every kind of Cantonese specialty can be found in its ala carte menu-from Dimsums and Dumplings to exotic seafood like sharks fin, abalone, sea-cucumber, fish maw-steamed, grilled or stir-fried. It also offers Clay Pot specialties like Stewed Garoupa Fillet in XO Sauce, Braised Beef Brisket with Radish, and delicious Stewed Chopped Lamb "Hainanese" Style.

Located next door to Crowne Plaza is Holiday Inn Galleria Manila's Raphael Restaurant which will showcase a family-style buffet featuring Cold Dishes like Liver Pate and Pumpkin Chutney, Beef Carpaccio with Basil and Parmesan Shavings, Smoked Salmon and Marinated Prawns and Ginger. On the carving will be Beef Wellington with Madeira Sauce and Roasted Salmon in Pesto. There'll be a Risotto Station Paella-style, Fresh Seafood and Spanish Jamon, Veal Medallions served with Wild Mushrooms, Pan-fried Lapu-lapu in Lemon Butter Sauce and so much more. The desserts will be a-plenty with a local Halo-halo station, to fresh fruits and fruity salads, and sweet-tooth delights like Strawberry Cheesecake, Hot Chocolate Banana Brownies, Mango Mousse Cake and Tiramisu.

All fathers that dine at the hotels, dressed in identical outfits as their mini-mes, will be given a portrait sitting, compliments of the house. A "Draw your Daddy" On-the-Spot Art contest is open to children ages 12 and below at the Crowne Plaza Kiddie Korner-an exciting way for Dads to bond with the kids for the day.

For families that wish to spend the day swimming and romping around the nearby mall, there's a Daddy & Me Weekend Rate of P3,700++ per night running until today. Rate includes complimentary buffet breakfast for two, free use of the poolside, and lots of in-house treats!

So why wait till the last minute to make your plans? Call 633-7222 to book your "Daddy & Me" celebration now! Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila is the newest luxury hotel in vibrant Ortigas, while Holiday Inn Galleria Manila has always been a favorite haunt for families wishing to indulge on lively amusements and energetic recreation. Both properties are directly adjacent to Robinsons Galleria Mall-at the corner of Ortigas and ADB Avenues. For inquiries and reservations, call 633-7222 local 7220 or e-mail mnlcp@ichotels-group.com.



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COME AND CELEBRATE DAD'S special day at the world-renowned Pearl Farm Beach Resort, breathtaking Taal Vista Hotel and the exclusive Club Punta Fuego. Treat the most special man in your life to an exceptional weekend getaway that the whole family can enjoy.

At the beautiful Pearl Farm Beach resort, spend quality time with Dad as you track down hidden treasures in an exciting scavenger hunt on Father's Day. For the adventurous Dad, a special Father's Day tour rate has been prepared that he can share with the whole family. Also for the month of June, take advantage of the Dad and Me Getaway Packages starting from P3,500.

Savor the scrumptious Dad and Me Father's Day lunch buffet at Taal Vista Hotel's Café on the Ridge for P610++, a special gift awaits all dads who partake of this buffet. On this once-a-year celebration, witness the best bartenders as they give tips on cocktail mixing and "flairtending".

The exclusive Club Punta Fuego invites its members as they celebrate Father's day and the end of summer with "The Boys and the Beach: A Father's Day and Summer Send-Off Party". The weekend ahead will showcase motorbikes, luxury cars, games and competitions at the Terrazas De Punta Fuego. Enjoy discounts, freebies and raffle prizes together with great music from Gripshift and Coffeebreak Island!

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A different thrill: Race to fun

AS THE CELEBRATION OF FATHER'S DAY draws in, every mall, recreation center, restaurant or any party venue is all agog in coming up with various Father's Day specials.

Gifts, dine-outs, movies, and outings would normally be included in your celebrations list. This time around, how about doing something different, something that gets you on a different "high" of great fun and excitement?

City Kart Racing (CKR), the first indoor-outdoor kart racing venue in the Philippines, is offering a big celebration for Fathers Day. On June 18, CKR invites interested father-and-child tandems to a special race. Enjoy the three high-speed straightaways, including a 60 meter straightaway, and 11 technical turns that will guarantee a heart-pumping run on high-tech fun karts imported from France. It is also very easy to join for non-racers and even for beginners.

And before you can even think twice of joining this Father's Day special race on the rainy month of June, CKR boasts of its indoor set-up that really makes it a standout among other racing venues in the country.

Managed by multi-awarded French racer Jean-Marc "Jeff" Freihuber, City Kart Racing, since it opened three months ago, has been getting raves from not only kart enthusiasts but even from walk-ins and non-racers as well. By word-of-mouth, CKR is fast becoming a must-visit along West Service Road, Sucat, Paranaque.

So if you're in for a totally different experience and celebration on Father's Day, City Kart Racing is where this is all about! Call Liza Cabrera at 812-7087 or e-mail liza@citykartracing.com.

Treats from Kenny Rogers

THIS FATHER'S DAY, KENNY Rogers Roasters is giving you exciting ways to pamper and treat your dad with real good food that isn't heavy on the budget.

If your dad's a chicken lover, the Chicken Sampler is a feast he just can't resist. This includes two pieces of krispy chicken, and quarter portions of chicken inasal, classic and spicy chicken, four regular side dishes, four scoops of rice, two pieces of brownies for dessert and a pitcher of Nestea iced tea. All these go for only P499, or a savings of as much as P124.

Meanwhile, if your dad's got a big appetite, why not give him the Chicken and Rib Plate? This includes one-half chicken, two pieces of juicy half-slab rib, three servings of tuna pasta, two large side dishes, four servings of chicken noodle soup, four pieces of corn muffins, four scoops of rice and a pitcher of Nestea iced tea.

What's more, guests who order this meal combo will get a P100 Kenny Rogers gift check which they can use for their next visit. All these are priced for only P799 or a savings of as much as P398.

So visit your nearest Kenny Rogers Roasters outlet, or call 533-8888 for delivery. Promo runs until June 19 only.

For the big boys [or men, or dads]

No doubt fathers are drawn to cars, car accessories and high-tech gadgets like moths to the flame. Today, let the big boys 'play with fire' and allow them these 'simple' indulgences:

The art of tire

HAVING A GOOD SET OF RIM and tire package is the most vital part in terms of safety and overall performance. Aside from improving the looks, image and vehicle control, the rim and tire set up of your vehicle makes you stand out from the crowd. It provides you with a motoring lifestyle that sets you apart.

Making waves and currently the preferred choice of sport compact enthusiasts and professional drifters in both the United States and Japan for many years is Nitto tires. Nitto made a name for itself due to its super grip, all season performance and good looks.

The Neo Gen features a silica reinforced tread compound which improves tread block rigidity for enhanced wet and dry traction. The tread pattern is an asymmetrical, non-directional design, optimized for balanced performance in both wet and dry road conditions. The inside shoulder and center tread areas have a combination of circumferential and slanted grooves that provide water drainage from the contact patch, equating to an increased level of on-road grip and steering response. The low void-ratio and outside shoulder blocks are designed to provide top level handling and cornering response during normal to high-performance driving conditions.

"Nitto's aggressive approach to tire designs has won the hearts of those looking for that special tire for their ride. Competitive pricing coupled with tremendous performance has kept Nitto at the forefront of the tuner's market. This is innovative tire technology at its best," says Sammy Liuson of Wheel Gallery.

For inquiries, call 724-7176, 724-2739, or log on to www.conceptonewheels.com.

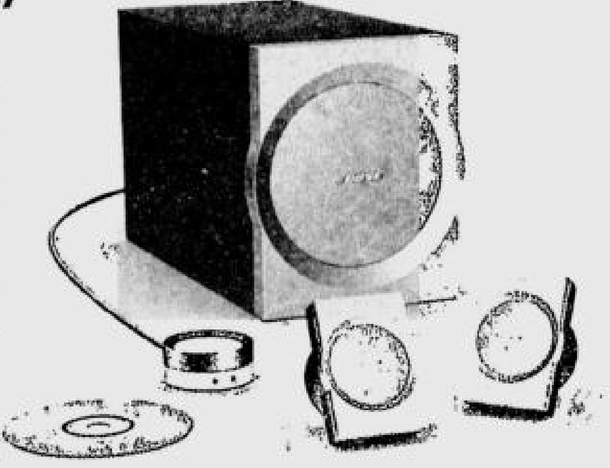
Geared for travel

MAXIMIZE YOUR CAR'S LUGGAGE space and make traveling more convenient with Thule's line of roof racks and load carriers. Geared towards active individuals and families who like to explore the great outdoors, Thule provides you with the solution to maximize the load capacity of your car, AUV or SUV. Unlike locally manufactured load carriers, Thule has an easy snap on, snap off feature which lets you install the load carriers with ease.

With Thule, there's no drilling required, it's guaranteed safe from rust, and is wind tunnel tested to aerodynamically complement the exterior design of any vehicle. Thule's line of load carriers are 100-percent machine made from Sweden and has passed the four seasons test of the ISO. Thule is the only accredited OEM designer in the local market and is a proud supplier of load carriers for brands such as Ford, Volvo, Land Rover, Nissan, Toyota, GM, BMW and Mercedes Benz.

All Thule roof racks and boxes are water proof and theft proof. The aerodynamic design provides a sleek look to the vehicle. Shown is a Kia Sorento equipped with Thule's X1 roof box and Bike rack system. For more information on how to gear up and make your vacation a more adventurous one, load up and visit its display at Toyota Pasong Tamo or the Thule-EGR Showrooms in Ortigas Avenue (744-6367) and Pasong Tamo (892-7847), or log on to www.thule.com.

Multimedia technology redefined

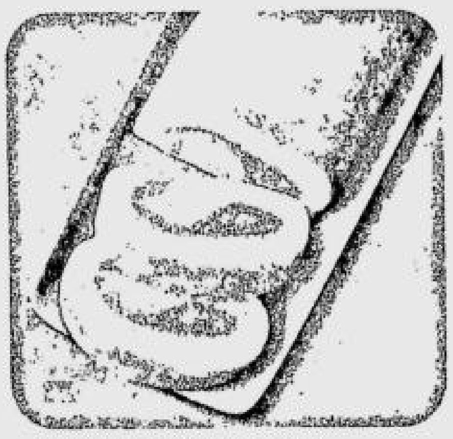


IT'S THE EMBODIMENT OF TECHNOLOGICAL genius and innovative technology. Bose, the world's leader in sound technology, has set standards in multimedia systems once again with its Companion 3 Multimedia Speaker System. It is designed to complement and boost the audio qualities of your PC, MAC, DVD/VCD and portable music systems to another level.

Powered by the renowned and recently improved Acoustimass Module coupled with two tiny yet powerful speakers, the Companion 3 provides a full and rich sound quality that has been the enduring trademark of Bose sound technology. The speakers can also be mounted on any flat panel monitor or stand-alone mode.

The technological prowess of this multimedia speaker system has paved the way for companies such as global communications leader Nokia to take notice and make the Bose Companion 3 part of a special reward for Nokia's N series phones' promotional package with Smart Infinity. By subscribing to Smart's Infinity program and choosing from any of Nokia's 3G phones, an Infinity subscriber is given the opportunity to experience the pure and rich sound quality of Bose's Companion 3 Multimedia Speaker System.

To experience and feel the sound engineering qualities of Bose audio and video products, visit its showrooms at the SM Megamall Building A, Power Plant Mall, Glorietta 3, SM North Edsa, Festival Supermall and at the SM Mall of Asia, or call 724-9566/724-7527 or log in to www.eleksis.com.



A Goldilocks treat to capture his taste

FOR 40 THOUGHTFUL YEARS, GOLDILOCKS has been a part of the Filipino way of celebrating special occasions, and most every father has a favorite Goldilocks treat that has perfectly captured their taste. For this year's Father's Day, the country's number one bakeshop offers a classic cake that is sure to express your appreciation in the finest way. The Yema Piña roll is a soft vanilla sponge cake with pineapple filling and coated with yema icing. As part of the Goldilocks classic cake collection, it's a reliable favorite with a unique fruity goodness that will keep you coming back for more. Once dad tastes its delectable flavor, it will surely be added to his long list of Goldilocks favorites.

A mug for him

HERE'S A FATHER'S DAY OFFERING AT CAFE Adriatico, Cafe Havana, Bollywood, and Bistro Remedios good only for today. For a minimum single purchase receipt of P1,000, Dads will get a free limited edition collector's item mug.

Something special for your hero

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF WHAT gift to give on Father's Day to the first man in your life (Your Dad, who else)? Make him something. Surprisingly, dads love handmade things, especially if it's their children who take the trouble. So make him a sandwich! One stuffed with cold cuts and cheese. Well-loved in America, it's called a "grinder" by New England folks. On the menus of West Coast restaurants, it's listed as "submarine." In Philadelphia it's a "hoagie," and in New Orleans, it's called "muffuletta" But if you take the trouble to serve one to Dad on Father's Day, there's only one name for it: a "Hero Sandwich". Here's how to make this unique Father's Day gift:

Split a loaf of French bread in half lengthwise. Layer on slices of ham, salami, and your dad's favorite cheeses-Provolone, Swiss, Cheddar-whatever he likes best. Top with lettuce and sliced tomatoes, then add onions, pickles, olives-and hot peppers, too, if Dad likes them. Spread on mayonnaise or mustard, or drizzle with Italian salad dressing. Serve with corn chips or pretzels and an ice-cold glass of honey-sweetened calamansi juice while dad is watching TV, and be prepared for Dad's huge, pleased smile of surprise!

Oh, you don't like working in the kitchen? Do the next best thing, then. Get him something really memorable at Ducks Unlimited. Ducks Unlimited is having a great Father's Day promo until today only. Stylish shirts to make him feel like the eternal bachelor (sssh, don't tell mom!), perfectly tailored slacks so classy he'll think you spent a month's allowance on them, socks so snug they'll make him feel loved to his toes, and many more! And the best part is, at a 20-percent discount on all men's items, you'll surely have enough cash left to get something nice for your boyfriend (or girlfriend), too! The offer is good at all Ducks Unlimited outlets.

STYTLISH shirts to make dad feel like the eternal bachelor

Special sandals for a special Dad

NO MATTER WHAT JOB DAD does, one thing is for sure: Dad works hard. This is why the best gift for him this Fathers' Day is something he can wear when he's taking a much needed rest from the day to day duties he must fulfill.

Ultralite sandals are the ideal tribute to a Dad who works hard and deserves to relax in comfort and style. Who said the colorful, comfortable slipper craze was limited to women alone? These masculine yet trendy sandals come in exciting fashionable colors like yellow, black, royal blue, navy blue, cream white, light gray and white.

These sandals are made of Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA), a light weight but more durable material that makes Ultralite a brand different from the rest. Despite its good quality, fashionable style and lively colors, the best part of this product is its price. Affordable but not cheap.

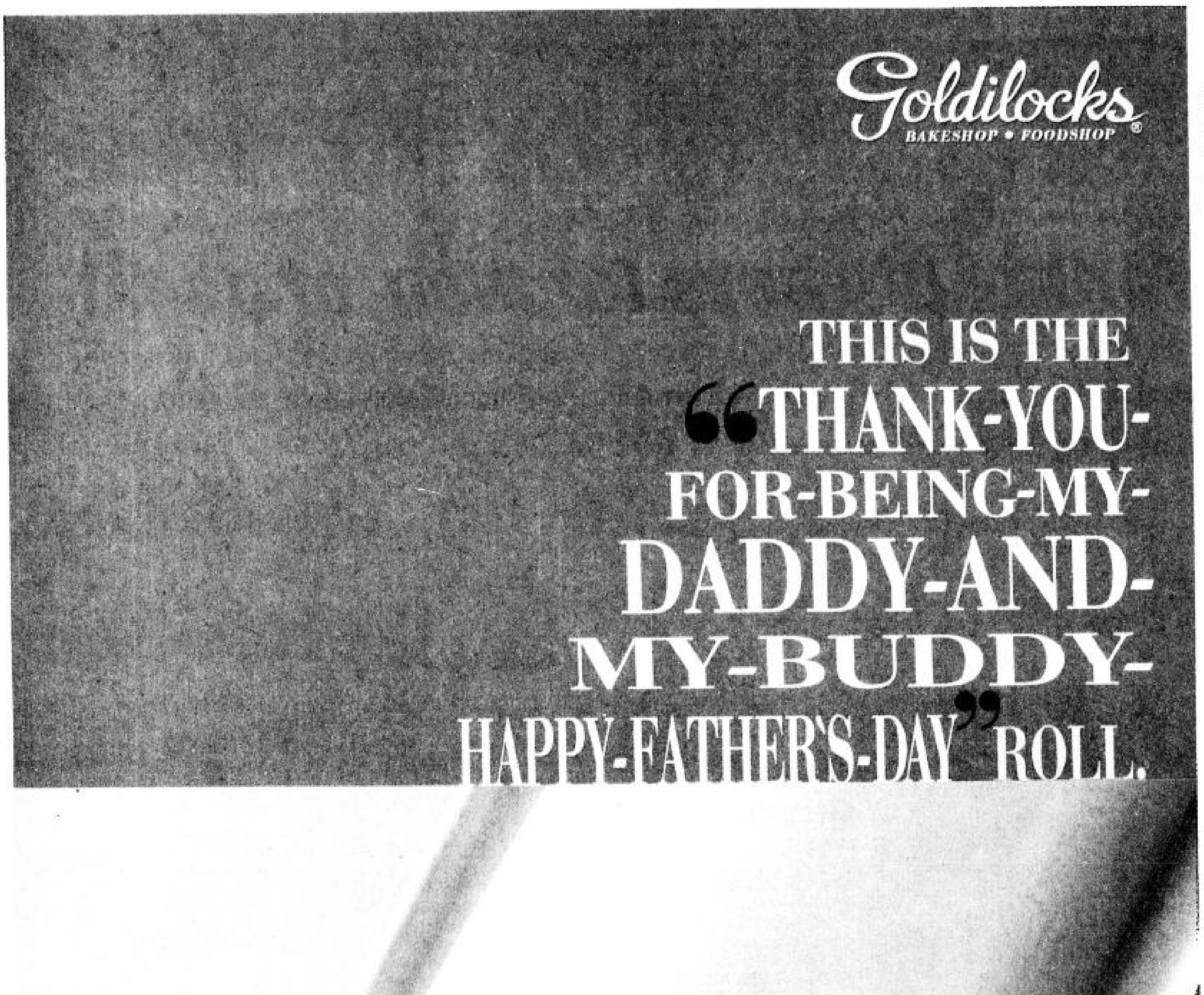
Ultralite, a brand of footwear recently introduced to the market late last year, is distributed solely by Strategy Marketing Corporation, a company that has been around for the past ten years. Strategy Marketing believes not only in fashionable footwear but in getting quality for a reasonable price. For the young or not so young Dad, a pair of Ultralite sandals this Fathers' Day will help him relax...fashionably!

Celebrate Father's Day at Casa Armas

CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY AT CASA Armas, one of the metro's favored Spanish restaurants steeped not just in delicious Spanish food, but also in Spanish tradition. It carries the founder's legacy of passion for food, for reinventing the diverse cuisine of Spain, devoted supervision, and love for a good feast.

This Father's Day on June 18, Sunday, fathers are given a free glass of Ramon Bilbao wine. Likewise this June, Casa Armas launches its new dish "Chuleton Segoviano", certified Grilled Angus Beef Steak that is cooked and served the Segovia way. Segovia in Spain is one of the finest old cities in the world, full of centuries old structures - keepers of history - that lend it an archaic splendor untainted by the passing of time. This ancient town is also famous for its culinary flavor. "Chuleton Segoviano" with 3 delectable side dishes and sauces is served and cooked on a griller plate for customer's preferred doneness.

Besides the popular Cochinillo and well-known favorites such as Jamon Serrano and Paella, Casa Armas' cuisine excels in tapas. Spanish wine and cheese varieties, for their part, are also gaining their due respect worldwide. The "Casa Armas Tapas Bar Y Restaurante" branches are located at the 3rd floor of Greenbelt 3, Makati City, Jupiter St. along Bel-Air and at the ground floor of Podium, Mandaluyong City. Aside from inhouse functions, Casa Armas provides excellent catering and take-out services, creating an authentic fiesta in any given place and for any occasion. For inquiries and reservations, call Casa Armas at G/F Podium (687-3663), Jupiter (897-3542), and 3/F Greenbelt 3 (757-4996).



PLATO GORDO FOR DAD
Gordo means fat or heaping in Spanish and Portuguese, a perfect way to describe the latest treat from Tia Maria's - Plato Gordo. It is an ideal treat for a great provider who works hard so that his family can live in abundance. The Plato Gordo consists of a sizzling platter of fresh grilled onions and peppers topped with shrimps, chicken, beef strips and spareribs. The dish is served with warm flour tortillas and is made more delicious with a dash of Fuego spices. This Father's Day, treat dad to a Plato Gordo only at Tia Maria's.

Father's Day specials at The Podium

IT'S DAD'S DAY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 18, AND it's your turn to give him a treat. The Podium, the upscale mall in the Ortigas Center has some suggestions on how to make Father's Day extra special for him.

Celebrate that special day with dad at Florabel, and cap that gourmet lunch or dinner with a free bottle of wine from the resto. Dad has a choice between chardonnay or a cabernet sauvignon. He also gets a free cup of Illy cold coffee, espresso style.

Florabel recommends its Crispy Prawn Salad and Plateau del Mer for seafood loving dads, and its US Angus Rib Eye for dads who prefer heartier meals.

Treat dad to an Asian Crab and seafood feast at Crustasia, and he'll be entitled to a CD compilation of Songs for Dad.

Dad will love Crustasia's succulent king crabs in steamed, deep fried, sweet and spicy Szechuan Crab, Thai Chili Crab, and Crab Maritess (in olive oil and white wine) selections. Complete the feast with shellfish, dimsum, or any picks from the Asian Bowl or Dancing Shrimp menu.

Say it sweet at Roma Mia, which will treat dad diners to a special dessert - Melted Marshmallow Brownies with Rum. He will also enjoy trying out the restaurant's specialties like Godfather Chops with herbed sauce and Barbecue Ribs flavored with Italian herbs and served with deep fried onion rings - all in a tunnel like interior with murals of Italian tourist attractions.

Segafredo Zanetti will toast dad diners with a free glass of wine, and treat other family members with a glass of iced tea for every pasta or panini ordered. This will be a perfect way to cap a Father's Day meal of Italian specialties like Pesto All Genovese in olive oil or Tuna Panini with mozzarella and tomatoes.

Great discounts await dad and the rest of the family at Goodies N Sweets. Every entree order entitles one to a 50 percent discount on its soups and super salads, a 10 percent discount on all breads, and a free refill of coffee or iced tea. Must-try entrees include Salpicao, Chicken Gambas, Pork Scallopini, Grilled Barbecue Sausage and Chicken Cordon Bleau.

Cap the great family meal with a Triple Treat Chocolate Cake layered with choco and mocha mousse and topped with whipped cream and chocolate shavings.

Celebrate Father's Day at The Podium!

Happy Father's Day

You're the MAN!

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Reversal of roles

'Househusbands' or husbands preferring to do the role of women in households, while the wives work for a living, is now a growing trend and is effecting change in the Filipino family and its values

By Raquel P. Gomez

"ANDRES DE SAYA," THE SEMINAL CHARacter in Filipino pop culture and often the subject of pun because of his depiction in komiks and movies as an apron-wearing Filipino "macho" male who does household chores including caring for a baby, is gradually going mainstream in Philippine society.

"Househusbands" or husbands preferring to do the role of women in households, while the wives work for a living, is now a growing trend and is effecting change in the Filipino family and its values, particularly among the families of overseas Filipino workers.

Rosemarie Trajano, executive director of Kanlungan Centre Foundation, an NGO which provides legal assistance, education, counseling and advocacy work to migrant workers, says that among the migrant workers' sector, a big number of wives leave home for work overseas and leave the care of the children to the husbands. Among these males, a big number are "progressive in thinking," aware of gender sensitivity and readily accepts the change in roles. Although, she says, there is still a big number of males who find doing chores of women degrading.

Research done by AC Nielsen last year of 2,000 urban households nationwide showed roles have been gradually reversing starting in the 1990s, that male homemakers is a permanent rather than a temporary arrangement, and that the change was caused by economic and financial factors.

According to Trajano, of the 900,000 plus overseas Filipino workers deployed abroad, 72 percent of that number or about 700,000 were females. She says over the past five years this country has been sending more or less 1 million OFWs abroad and there are more women than men going abroad for work. Trajano says Filipino women's migration for work abroad began in the 1980s when the demand for the "service and nurturing work" in developed countries began.

Trajano says it's a reality that a large number of Filipino households are without mothers. She says, however, that many of the husbands left behind don't really fully perform the role of the wives as other female members

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of the extended family, such as the aunt or the grandmother, act as "surrogate" mother to the children.

"Even if there is really the presence of househusbands, stereotyping is still there. The care of the children left behind by the wife is left to the grandmother or aunt even if the father is around. Ours is still a machismo society. The father is still considered the disciplinarian, while the grandmother or the aunt looks after the children. You cannot expect the father to be the real nurturer or surrogate mother."

Because of this mass migration phenomenon, the Filipino family and its values are changing, according to Trajano. Filipino families become fragmented, which leads to separation of husband and wife, high consumerism of the family or materialistic leaning of the children, and lax use of financial resources.

"There's a risk in the changing of the roles. The father, even with the help of the grandmother, cannot fully provide the nurturing and values to the children, especially if the child is a girl. I always believe that it's the mother who molds the family."

Trajano emphasizes the importance of the role of the father in the constantly changing family landscape shaped by mass migration of women abroad.

"Husbands should realize that wives are their equals. When his wife leaves for work, the father has the dual responsibility of becoming both father and mother to the child. He takes care of the kids, he imparts values to them, and he makes sure that they're well nourished. The roles are reversed, but he should strive hard to replicate the presence of the mother in the household. I think that's better."

For the big boys (or men, or dads)

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Safety option

XENON BULBS HAVE EVOLVED FROM being a mere safety accessory to becoming a standard safety option for both car owners and automobile manufacturers. Due to the additional amount of safety provided by HiD systems in night-time driving, more people are switching and replacing their stock headlight systems with Xenon Bulbs.

Xenon offers 2.5 times as much light volume compared to halogen bulbs. A xenon kit comes with a ballast system which acts as its igniter and control unit. Aside from its powerful white beam, xenon only consumes 35 watts, which makes the headlights cooler to the touch, compared to halogen bulbs whose temperature burns up to 500 degrees Fahrenheit.

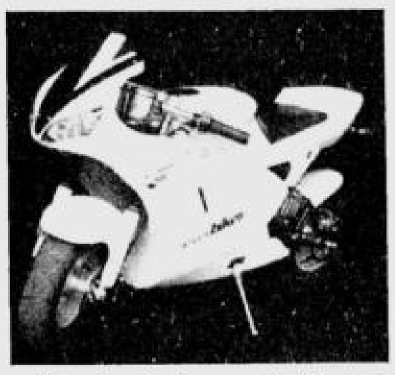
In the local market, Xenon Bulbs is exclusively distributed by Hummer Philippines. The additional level of safety has seen a steady increase of Xenon patrons. "The quality our products have is instrumental to the steady growth of Xenon despite the emergence of imitation Xenon Bulbs flooding the market. Xenon bulbs is the only HiD product in the local market to have a warranty," states Benedict Go, proprietor of Xenon Bulbs Philippines.

The price of an HiD system range from P16,000 for the entry level WRC bulbs, P24,000 for the Taiwan made-ballast powered Helios HiD, to as high as P48,000 also for the generation II ballast-equipped Philips HiD with a bulb made from a quartz crystal. All three types of xenon bulbs are now equipped with the innovative generation II type ballast that emits a much powerful beam of bright light.

Xenon Bulbs technology adapt to varying conditions such as weather, road, and vehicle speed. Aside from automotive headlamp systems, other applications of xenon bulbs technology include: marine (for fast craft and ships), stage production, industrial and military use. Unlike other imitation HiDs in the local market, Xenon Bulbs carry an after sales warranty of up to 12 months. Shown is a Chrysler 300C equipped with Xenon Bulbs.

For inquiries, call 713-1998 or visit the Xenon showroom at 318 G. Araneta Avenue Quezon City, or log on to www.xenon-bulbs.com.

Electric dreams



OF ALL THE INVENTIONS THAT HAVE made their way into the consumer market, the most promising would seem to be the Electric Scooter Bike (E-Bike). Imported and exclusively distributed by Hummer Philippines Inc (HPI), the E-Bike looks and runs like your standard scooter. The difference lies in its power unit. Instead of a gasoline-fed engine, the E-Bike is powered by a 400-watt motor, juiced up by a 36V/12Ah battery unit. It's a plug, charge and play motorized bike.

HPI provided five E-Bike variants for the test: the Stroller and Commuter bike which looks like your average scooter; the handy and foldable Torq bike; the segway style Scootbike and the crowd favorite, the Big Bike, which looks like a miniature sports motorcycle.

Both the Stroller and Commuter bikes are lightweight, has a baggage compartment at the rear. On an average speed of 20 kph, both bikes can cover 35 km on a full charge. The Stroller bike has two 36V batteries, with the other acting as a spare for emergency purposes. "This bike is popular with young families and housewives. You don't have to bring out the car to buy something from the corner grocery or when borrowing a film from your favorite video store a few kilometers away," says Go. SRP of these standard looking e-bikes is pegged at P32,000.

The compact Torq bike on the other hand is light enough to be carried by a 10-year old boy, and is the fastest among the E-bikes. With a maximum speed of 30 kph, this Torq bike is zippy and is the most affordable among the lot at P22,000.

For those who prefer a more relaxed pace of riding or standing, the scoot bike is perhaps the right choice for you. The segway-style scoot bike is appropriate for hitting the malls in style, going around the factory or going around the park with your daughter as passenger and simply enjoying nature's sights and sounds. "This particular e-bike is popular with businessmen which uses it as a tool for going around their plant or factory. Some have even purchased the scoot bike for their loved ones who have difficulty in walking. It's very stable and easy to use. It's a practical buy for P26,000." adds Go. It has a top speed of 20 kph and can travel up to 25 km on a full charge.

The Big Bike is perhaps the most beautiful bike among the lot and the most expensive at P36,000. The top speed is 35 kph and can cover 25 km on a full charge.

The good thing about the E-Bike is that it has zero emissions and the noise that it emits is a faint hum coming from its battery powered unit. It is the perfect clean and green machine. Since the top speed ranges from 20 to 35 kph, E-bike riders cannot afford to be speed freaks, making it safe.

All e-bikes require a charging time of four to six hours. "HPI has a complete line of spare parts and batteries. All bikes come with a warranty. It has no engine so it does not have to be registered with the Land Transportation Office," states Go.

For those who love the environment and want to be different, the e-bike is the right bike for you. It comes in different colors and styles to suit your everyday requirements.

For more information on the E-Bike, log on to www.hummerphilippines.com.

Dad's day off at Discovery Suites

GOOD FATHERS ARE DIFFICULT TO FIND. If you have a gem of a father and you wish to make him feel special, here is your chance. It's time to give dad a well-deserved break. Allow him to sit back, relax, and experience life's little rewards at Discovery Suites today.

Take pleasure in Discovery Suites' Suite Escape Package and treat dad to a luxurious three-night stay in a Junior Suite for only P8,888++. That's more time for you and dad to experience life's little rewards. The package includes complimentary buffet breakfast for two, welcome amenity, complimentary local newspapers, 10-percent discount on room service, 10-percent discount at Restaurant 5 (except Father's Day lunch buffet), unlimited use of the outdoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi, discounts at selected shops at the Podium Mall, unlimited dial-up Internet access, and complimentary parking.

Treat dad to an array of Contemporary Comfort Cuisine that will tickle his senses at Restaurant 5. Dads accompanied by at least four persons will enjoy a complimentary lunch buffet, which includes savory delectables like succulent oysters, fresh salads, assorted meats and a carving station, which will be available from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. at only P695++ per person. All dads get a chance to win a gift pack from VMV Hypoallergenics, Alyssa Ashley and gas vouchers from Caltex at Restaurant 5.

For more inquiries, call 683-8222.

Cravings' tribute to the man of the house

CRAVINGS ALWAYS GIVES prime importance to the family's enjoyment at the dining table, that's why the restaurant makes sure that everyone in the family remembers the special day allotted to the man of the house. It's always a cliché to give our fathers the much needed pampering they need but still, the best way to any dad's heart is to satisfy whatever his stomach craves for.

Dubbed as "Daddy's Day Out," Cravings has prepared two sumptuous dishes to satisfy the man's hearty appetite. It is an invitation to each member of the family to bring their dads to Cravings and surprise him with loads of freebies from True Value, David's Spa, and Red Corner Fitness and Boxing Club.

For the month of June, it's dad's choice to spoil himself from Cravings' version of the famous "man's meal"-Baby Back Ribs with Hickory-flavored barbecue sauce or the Beer Battered Fish Fingers with Remoulade dip. Each meal comes with a siding of large-cut, Cajun-style, potato wedges and what's more, there is an unlimited trip to the soup and salad bar. Prices are P425++ and P315++ respectively.

After a satisfying meal, dad would surely love to relax whether to get a soothing massage, hit the gym, or work on a hobby he fancies. Today, for every P2,000 purchase, dads will be entitled to either a Back Massage or Facial coupon from David's Spa or a Day Pass to Red Corner Boxing. And dads can get a True Value 5-percent discount voucher every time he will spend P750 at Cravings.

So celebrate Dad's Day with Cravings and give him the much needed "day out" only he deserves. Cravings branches are located at Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights; Tomas Morato Plaza Building, Scout Castro Street; Fortune Promenade Building, West Avenue, Quezon City; 5/L Shangri-La Edsa Plaza Mall; 31st floor Fraser Place Serviced Residences, Valero Street, Makati, and 3/L Chef's Avenue, Festival Supermall, Alabang. For inquiries, call 689-1111.

BABY Back Ribs with Hickory-flavored barbecue sauce

BEER Battered Fish Fingers with Remoulade dip

A durable gift for the man of steel

AS WE PAY TRIBUTE TO DEAR DADDY this month, why don't we list down his weaknesses and prove the theory of every feminist --- that we, women, are stronger than men?

One, ask him who washes, irons out, and organizes his clothes. Two, who shops for his favorite scent, shaving foam, new pair of socks, and other items? Of course, it's Mom. Just imagine how difficult life can get for a man without a woman by his side.

However, knowing his dependency on domestic matters will make us appreciate the real strength of the first man in our life. Dad needs Mom, or his daughter because he has barely enough time to attend to these chores. Dad would rather choose to bury himself at work to make both ends meet for his growing family that even his time for himself is often sacrificed.

This Father's Day, give Dad, Papa, Itay, Tatay, or however you call him, a little tap at the back (but a big hug will be better) to show him how much you appreciate his unselfish love.

If you want to give him a hanky, a key chain, or a new tool set, go ahead, you will definitely warm his heart with your gift. But if you managed to save up and decided to give him something more special, get him a product that he can use for a long time.

A good buy is Caha de Oro's Ventura, a multipurpose organizer that Dad can surely call his own and keep for a long time. The Ventura, designed with a leather-like finish for that masculine look, will provide Dad with ample space for his clothes, toiletries, office files, tools, and other personal paraphernalia.

The Ventura also comes with a separate compartment for his personal effects, a photo holder, a grooming mirror, and even an elegant-looking clock - what else can Dad look for in a personal drawer?

A product of Orocan, the Ventura is also guaranteed to last a long time.

A king's feast at Diamond Hotel

DADS SPEND ALL THEIR LIVES WORKING hard to provide for their family. This is why on the day entirely devoted to dads, Diamond Hotel Philippines helps you go that extra mile to express your love and gratitude for everything your dad has done for you. Dine with dad at Palm Court Café, Yurakuen, and Sky Lounge on June 18 and dad gets a complimentary glass of red or white wine or a non-alcoholic Diamond tea punch.

Give him a feast he will never forget with Palm Court Café's Father's Day Buffet. Lunch and dinner buffet is only P888 net and dad can indulge in a variety of international cuisine dishes. Or why not make dad feel like a Japanese noble with Yurakuen's Mutsuki set which includes an appetizer, gindara and prime beef teriyaki, seafood fried rice, beancurd steak, miso soup, fried crab claws, and coffee gelatin for only P1,100++.

On the other hand, if dad is looking for some live musical entertainment, then Sky Lounge Music Bar is the place to go. Dad will enjoy Sky Lounge's new dishes such as three-way baked oysters, gambas al ajillo con paprika de Bilbao, stuffed buffalo wings, and Sky Lounge special club sandwich to name a few. Dad will certainly feel young again with the upbeat music and mouth-watering food at Sky Lounge Music Bar.

Dad gets special treatment when he dines at Restaurant Le Bellevue today. Aside from the free glass of Mondavi Wine he gets for an order of any one of the dishes included in the Angus Beef and Wine pairing, he will also receive a complimentary Caesar salad and special dessert. Or why not take Dad to Palm Court Bar's Wine Buffet. For only P850++, Dad can enjoy over 20 varieties of white and red wine plus cocktail food. The Wine Buffet is open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

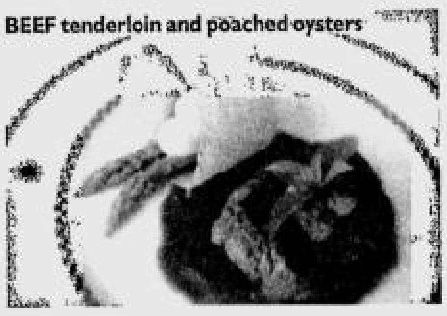
Meanwhile, if your Dad has a sweet tooth, then Kohikan at the Diamond is the perfect place for him. Treat him to Kohikan's cake of the month, Crunchy-Nutty Chocolate Cake or to the smoogee for the month of June, Strawberry Yogurt which for only P550++ comes with a "Mico's Debonaire Dad" stuffed toy.

No matter how dad wants to celebrate his special day, he'll definitely want to spend it with his family at Diamond Hotel Philippines because it is where he will feel like a king.

Love You Dad

CRUNCHY nutty cake

BEEF tenderloin and poached oysters



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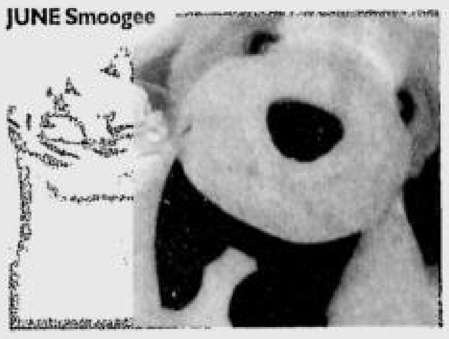

Father's Day in Bulgaria is June 20

(and other trivia to stump Papa)

Father's Day celebrates fatherhood and parenting by males, just as Mother's Day celebrates motherhood. Typically giving gifts to fathers and celebrating as a family is the main event of the day. However, apart from June 18, Father's Day is actually celebrated at differing times through the year.

Father's Day exists almost all over the world to honor and commemorate fathers or forefathers. In the Roman Catholic tradition, Father's Day is celebrated on Saint Joseph's Day, March 19, though in most countries Father's Day is a secular celebration.

In recent years, retailers have adapted to the holiday by selling male-oriented gifts such as electronics and tools.

Countries that observe Father's Day on the third Sunday of June include Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, France, Hong Kong SAR, India, Pakistan, Ireland, Japan, Macao SAR, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, the Philippines, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Venezuela.

Countries with other celebration dates:

Austria: second Sunday of June

Australia: first Sunday of September

Belgium: St Joseph's day (March 19), and the second Sunday of June (Secular)

Brazil: second Sunday of August

Bulgaria: June 20

Denmark: June 5 (also Constitution Day)

Dominican Republic: last Sunday of July

Estonia: second Sunday of November

Finland: second Sunday of November

Germany: Ascension Day

Italy: March 19

Lithuania: first Sunday of June

New Zealand: first Sunday of September

Norway: second Sunday of November

Poland: June 23

Portugal: March 19

Russia: February 23 (Defender of the Fatherland Day, a military holiday, seen by many as a men's day)

South Korea: May 8 (Parents' Day)

Spain: March 19

Sweden: second Sunday of November

Thailand: December 5 (birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej)

Taiwan: August 8

In the United States, the driving force behind the establishment of the celebration of Father's Day was Sonora Smart Dodd, born in Creston, Washington. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, as a single parent, raised his six children in Spokane, Washington. She was inspired by Anna Jarvis's efforts to establish Mother's Day. Although she initially suggested June 5, the anniversary of her father's death, she did not provide the organizers with enough time to make arrangements, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in Spokane.

Unofficial support from such figures as William Jennings Bryan was immediate and widespread. President Woodrow Wilson was personally so feted by his family in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge recommended it as a national holiday in 1924. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson made Father's Day a holiday to be celebrated on the third Sunday of June. The holiday was not officially recognized until 1972, during the presidency of Richard Nixon.

Should you give dad flowers today? Yes! Many people think flowers are just for women and are a feminine present. However, dads appreciate the gift of flowers too because they are a loving, thoughtful gift. Dads will love a flower or a bouquet on Father's Day.

Traditionally fathers should be given the gift of white or red roses, though some daddies may prefer more macho plants or flowers that a florist can recommend.

If you are to wear a flower on Father's Day you should wear a red rose if your father is alive or a white rose in memory of him if he is deceased.

Here are other interesting trivia:

- Einstein couldn't speak fluently when he was 9. His parents thought he might be retarded.
- Adolph Hitler's mother seriously considered having an abortion, but was talked out of it by her doctor.
- Martin Luther King Jr, was originally named Michael, like his father. When Jr was 5, dad changed both their names to Martin.
- Solomon married 700 wives. (I Kings 11:3)
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- Women's hearts beat faster than men's.
- Men commit suicide three times more frequently than women do. But women attempt suicide two to three times more often than men.
- Some studies suggest women need up to an hour's extra sleep a night compared to men, and not getting it may be one reason women are much more susceptible to depression than men.
- A Saudi Arabian woman can get a divorce if her husband doesn't give her coffee.
- The King of Hearts is the only king without a mustache.

Tribute to father

"Honor your father and mother." This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: If you honor your father and mother, "you will live a long life, full of blessing." And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord. Ephesians Chapter 6 verses 2-4

Fathers are the biggest source of strength for a child. The innocent eyes of a child perceive father as the all-powerful, most knowledge, truly affectionate and the most important person in the family. For daughters, fathers are the first men they adore and fall in love with. While for sons their fathers are the strongest person they know and someone they aspire to emulate. Even for the grownups fathers are someone whom they look up to for the most experienced and honest advice that is always in the best of our interest. For this great figure in our life that we know as father-it becomes our utmost duty to pay our humblest tribute on the occasion of Father's Day. *From wikipedia.com, uttertrivia.com and fathersdaycelebration.com*

Fathers are the biggest source of strength for a child. The innocent eyes of a child perceive father as the all-powerful, most knowledgeable, truly affectionate and the most important person in the family

Give dad the gift of health for Father's Day

MEN WHO HIT THE AGE OF FORTY AND above commonly experience a condition in which they either have difficulty urinating, or suffer from frequent urination. This problem is usually the result of an enlarged prostate gland, which normally undergoes a growth spurt sometime in the fourth decade of a man's life which can affect urination.

The symptoms of this condition, which is known as Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH), can become bothersome and frustrating. Sleep is disturbed often due to the frequency of the urge to urinate during the night; the urge to urinate can be so strong and sudden that one may not make it to the toilet in time; the urine stream is slow to start, and there's a sensation that the bladder isn't fully emptied after urination, as well as the feeling of needing to go again a few minutes after urinating.

These are just among the prostate-related problems that Nutrilite, the world's leading brand of multivitamins, minerals and dietary supplements, seeks to relieve. For middle-aged men experiencing these BPH and other age-related urinary complications, Nutrilite offers its Saw Palmetto and Nettle Root herbal remedy for better prostate health.

Available in softgel capsules, this product contains a blend of Saw Palmetto, Nettle Root, and Pumpkin Seed Oil extracts to assist the health of prostate function and normal urinary flow. It also contains Nutrilite's exclusive Phytonutrients Plant Compounds to provide additional nutritional benefits.

Saw Palmetto has been used as far back as the time of the Native Americans to treat urinary problems. Evidence is building that this herb -extracted from the dark purple berries of the American saw palmetto plant- may help treat BPH. It is already an accepted medical treatment for BPH in Germany, Austria, Italy and other European countries.

The Nettle Root, meanwhile, is part of an ancient herbal remedy that is also used to treat urinary tract inflammation and the discomforts of an enlarged prostate. Likewise, Pumpkin Seed Oil has been used as folk medicine, and preliminary studies have shown that it reduces hormonal damage to prostate cells.

Nutrilite's expertise in extracting the beneficial qualities of these whole plant sources is a heritage of technology, research and innovation that dates back over 70 years. The brand employs only the most advanced scientific processes and facilities, the most comprehensive research, and the strictest quality control measures to produce some of the world's finest supplements.

Nutrilite, in collaboration with the Urological Sciences Research Foundation in Culver City, California, USA, undertook a double-blind, placebo-controlled study that included 44 men with BPH to gauge the efficacy of the Saw Palmetto and Nettle Root herbal remedy.

The results showed that the male subjects, after taking the Nutrilite Saw Palmetto and Nettle Root herbal blend for six months, experienced a significant decrease in epithelial thickness of their prostate tissue. Improvements were also observed in BPH symptoms and urinary flow rates, similar to other published research in Europe.

Nutrilite recommends an intake of three softgels of its Saw Palmetto and Nettle Root daily. This dosage will provide 327 mg. of Saw Palmetto and 246 mg. of Nettle Root - amounts equal to the levels used in clinical studies demonstrating beneficial effects.

The Nutrilite Saw Palmetto and Nettle Root is now available in the country through Amway, the global leader in the multilevel direct-selling business for over 45 years. To know more about how this product can promote better prostate health, contact Amway Philippines at 814-8181.

All out for dad at Hyatt Hotel

DADS DON'T ALWAYS ASK FOR much, so, on their special day, spoil them with gastronomic delights at Hyatt Hotel and Casino Manila. Celebrate Father's Day at the new Hyatt, where the whole family will be delighted with the incredible packages and promotions created especially for dads.

Bribe dad at the Market Café, the hotel's interactive dining gallery of show kitchens and food stations. With an oh-so-delicious Prime Rib on a carving tray accompanied by genuine Yorkshire Pudding he is guaranteed to enjoy. Whet dad's appetite by letting him sample exotic drunken shrimps and scrumptious bisque with cognac at the restaurant's Seafood Station. Plus, don't let him miss the irresistible all-you-can-eat fresh seafood dishes from the Seafood Bar, freshly prepared and chilled on ice, which will surely make his day extra special. Enjoy all this lip-smacking gastronomy for lunch and dinner at Market Café.

If dad prefers grilled prime meats and seafood for lunch, indulge him at The Fireplace. Exclusively on his special day, The Fireplace will feature White Asparagus, freshly picked just 24 hours before being flown directly to the hotel from Holland, Germany or France. This succulent dish will be deliciously flavored with Hollandaise Sauce and Champagne Ham prepared on a carving tray. As you enjoy this exciting cuisine, indulge in free-flowing wine and beer. Come dinner time, and The Fireplace will be even more exciting with a five-course set dinner featuring mouthwatering wood fire-roasted Chateaubriand. Dad and families can enjoy this signature dish with a complimentary bottle of white or red wine for a table of four.

However, if it is authentic Cantonese cuisine that dad enjoys most, take him to Li Li. At lunch, he will be served delicious Yum Cha, featuring three specialty items from Chef Choi, along with unlimited dim sum, iced tea, local beer or soft drinks. For dinner, enjoy an incredible eight-course set menu featuring the appetizing double-boiled Black Chicken Soup, delicately spiced and sprinkled with tasty ginseng. Come in groups of eight or more and Chef Choi will offer his delectable Wok-fried Spiny Lobster with Ginger and Onions, compliments of Li Li.

There's more. All dads dining in any of the hotel's outlets will be treated to a handsome gift and the chance to win a special gift in the Father's Day Lucky Draw.

For inquiries and reservations, call 245-1234.

DR. MARIO Garcia from UST Hospital talks about ED and ways to manage the disease.

Men's Vitality Place goes to Robinsons Place Manila

MEN'S VITALITY PLACE, THE mobile clinic sponsored by Bayer Healthcare Philippines, visited Robinsons Place Manila. Male mall-goers were treated with free medical check-up and lecture to help detect if they were suffering from erectile dysfunction.

Dr. Mario Garcia, a cardiologist from University of Sto.Tomas Hospital, gave a talk on the tell-tale signs of ED and ways to prevent and manage the disease. He stressed that the best way to prevent the disease is to have a healthy lifestyle. In case they suspect that they are already suffering from the disease, Garcia encourages men to go to their doctor.

Existing research demonstrates that difficulties in communication can prevent a man from finding a treatment that improves his erectile function. "It's very important that men seek consultation when they suspect that they are suffering from ED," said Garcia. "ED can be a manifestation of other serious problems like cardiovascular problems."

Men's Vitality Place is a mobile wellness clinic that aims to promote men's health wellness. It was launched as part of Bayer's "Strike Up A Conversation" campaign, a program which aims to help every couple affected by erectile dysfunction to communicate openly about their sexual concerns, in order to find a treatment that improves a man's erectile function and a couple's quality of life. The program also identifies key barriers to communication and provides ED sufferers, partners and doctors with knowledge, skills and tools to overcome them.

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Great dad, great day

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WHEN WE WERE LITTLE, OUR DADS COULD do no wrong. They were the best, the greatest, and nobody could convince us otherwise. We idolized them as heroes, and feared them as disciplinarians, but at the very heart of it all, we loved them as fathers. Yet as we grow older, our appreciation may start to fade a bit. Our dads begin to seem less titan and more human. There's so much we expect from them and so little that we're ready to forgive. During important moments in our lives, we so eagerly want them to be proud of us, but in the same breath we pray that they don't do anything too embarrassing.

Dads just don't get as many breaks as they used to. Today's dad is supposed to be cool and smart, tough and gentle, all at the same time, a tall order even for a superhero. We expect them to be good providers, supportive coaches, and sensitive mediators. We forget sometimes that almost every hardship or worry our dads go through is in order to raise us the best way he can. Even if it takes him away from his home or his comfort zone, and makes him a slave or a fool, there's an urgency, a driving force within every man that makes him strive to provide for his family. It's what urges him to fix the car or deal with the plumbing, what makes him want a better life for you than what he had for himself. For sure, the world has its fair share of deadbeats, but as far as most families are concerned, their dad will always try to be a guiding hand, a solid pillar to lean on, the man who is always thinking of their comfort, but also keeps trying to push their limits.

So what should we do to honor 21st century dad? Stereotypes aside, most dads prefer being really low key about it and wouldn't mind having Father's day as a completely understated affair. So they'd expect less flowers and more socks, less cake and more scotch, less kisses and more handshakes. But it doesn't really matter what you give, but what you share. It doesn't take a card or a present, words and touch work just as well. Just this once, you should forgive and forget his silly and embarrassing moments. He's your father, the guy who had to court your mom and confront your grandparents, so he has a right to be sappy and corny, and for at least one day you should be too. This father's day, set aside the years of jadedness and sarcasm, go back to the simpler times when dad was the greatest guy in your life. You can bet that he's always thought of you as the greatest kid since the day you were born. It doesn't take much to return the sentiment. Every man could use a hug and a compliment - your brother, your friend, and maybe even the Pope. As long as you put in a lot of warmth, and a lot of love, just a hug will make your dad feel like the most important man in the world.

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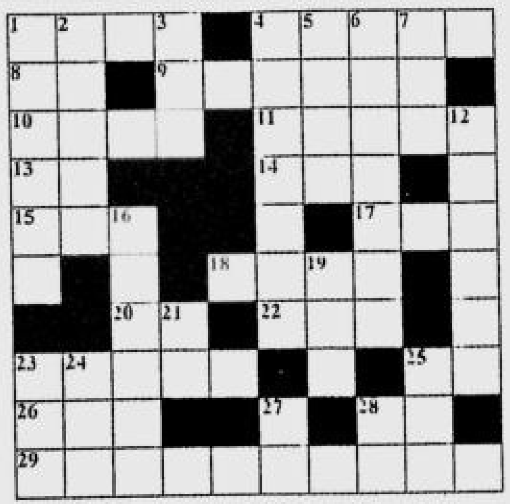

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14. Metal Bender Geller
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18. Cebu's Steamed Rice
20. Medical Dad
22. Signature (abbr.)
23. French Father
25. Conjunction
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28. MTV Host
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3. Road Divisions
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5. Middle East Chief
6. James _____, fourth President of the USA
7. Bush Country
12. Field Sport
16. Ama ng Katipunan
19. Military NCO
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24. Period
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27. Article
28. Vermont for short

Complete the puzzle. Present to claim your FREE Stuffed Toy on FATHER'S DAY, Sunday, June 18, 2006!

Weekend with Dad at Power Plant Mall

CHECK OUT POWER PLANT MALL TODAY FOR A SPECIAL WEEKend with dad in the "Dad Deserves a Hug Day". The exciting array of weekend activities that are sure to pique dad's interests include a PGA car display held at the North Court, a gadgets fair sponsored by Mobile 1, Touch Music & Video, and Digital Cinema at the South Court. Drop by the Hug Station at the R1 Bridgeway and give dad a big bear hug plus a souvenir photo.

Cool pleasures at Pancake House

WHAT'S COOL ABOUT PANCAKE House this Father's Day? Could it be sharing some generous servings of fruity goodness or creamy frosty treats and dine "lite" with friends and family? Or just the pleasure of dad indulging his sweet cravings? Why not both by trying out Pancake House's "Cool Pleasures"?

Pancake House is offering the Four Season Waffle, enjoy this delightful combination of the all-time favorite crispy golden brown waffle topped with peach and mango slices, blueberry, strawberry and a medley of ice cream flavors-a scoop each of mango, vanilla and strawberry.

Or try one of Pancake House's newest creations, the "Vanilla French Toast". Enjoy two heaping scoops of vanilla ice cream with French toast-using French bread-served with peach slices.

Since Pancake House is an ideal place for families and friends to gather, these Cool Pleasure treats can serve two to three persons. But you can further indulge you and your dad's sweet tooth by having a mocha shake or the halo-halo jubilee.

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The **CAGAYAN II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (CAGELCO II)** is inviting all interested bidders to pre-qualify and to bid for the following:

1. **Disposal of non-performing assets (Distribution Transformers, tie wires, and assorted hardwares)**
2. **KWH Meters (CL 100, 20, and 10)**
3. **Distribution Transformers**

To be qualified, bidder must have fully complied with the following:

1. Accreditation Requirements (for submission to the Accreditation Committee Chairman, Clarence E. Jacinto)
   - a. Company Profile
   - b. Business Registration
   - c. Business Permit
   - d. BIR/VAT Certificate
   - e. Latest Income Tax Return (ITR)
   - f. List of Clients for a period of three (3) years
   - g. Financial Statement
2. Must be able to pay P2,000.00 (for this particular bidding only and not refundable) for bid documents during the pre-bid conference.

CAGELCO II reserves the right to reject any/or all bid without any reason, waive any formality therein, accepts proposal most advantageous to the cooperative and assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify any bidder for expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bid nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

Pre-bid conference and bidding schedules shall be informed to all qualified bidders through fax and mails.

Deadline for submission of requirements - July 03, 2006

(Sgd.) **GABRIEL A. TORDESILLAS**
General Manager

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID ON

Name of the Project **Lease of Trellis I**

Brief Project Description . **The space for lease is Trellis I located at the CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd. Along Asean Promenade fronting Manila Bay with a total area of 292.145 sq.m.**

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act."

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat (c/o Cecilia E. Funtinilla) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below starting June 20, 2006 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee in the amount of THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00). The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative

The CCP BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on July 05, 2006, 3.30pm, 3/F Tanghalang Pambansa CCP (Main Bldg.)

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before July 21, 2006; 3:30pm. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of cash/certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit or bank guarantee or surety bond based on the agency approved budget for contract. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on July 21, 2006; 3:30pm at the CCP Board Room, 3/F Tanghalang Pambansa, CCP Complex, Pasay City. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives

The award of the project shall be based on the highest calculated responsive bid received from the Bidders.

The CCP reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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Website . www.culturalcenter.gov.ph

(Sgd.) **EVA MARI G. SALVADOR**
BAC Chairperson

(PDI June 18 & 25 2006)

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SOLIMAN SECURITY SERVICES, INC.
5th Floor Ermita Center Building, 1350 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

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Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
Ilagan
OFFICE OF THE BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY & TO BID

The Provincial Government of Isabela, through its Bids & Awards Committee (BAC), invites contractors registered with and classified by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) to apply for eligibility and if found eligible, to bid for the hereunder contract:

Name/Ref.	Location	ABC	Contract Duration
01-Construction of Decaying Vault	GFNDSMH, Ilagan, Isabela	P334,414.29	30 calendar days
02-Construction of Decaying Vault	Cauayan District Hospital Cauayan City, Isabela	P334,414.29	30 calendar days
03-Construction of Decaying Vault	Primo Gaffud Memorial Hosp. Echague, Isabela	P334,414.29	30 calendar days
04-Construction of Decaying Vault	Manuel A. Roxas District Hosp. Roxas, Isabela	P334,414.29	30 calendar days
05-Construction of Decaying Vault	Milagros District Hospital Cagayan, Isabela	P334,414.29	30 calendar days

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation, and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of R.A. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

SCHEDULE OF BIDDING ACTIVITIES

BAC ACTIVITIES	SCHEDULE
1. Receipt from prospective bidders of Letters of Intent (LOI) including application for eligibility	June 26-30, 2006 at the BAC Secretariat Office, Capitol, Alibagu, Ilagan, Isabela
2. Issuance of Eligibility Forms	July 3, 2006 at the BAC Secretariat Office
3. Receipt of Eligibility Requirements	July 4-7, 2006, at the BAC Secretariat Office
4. Notice of Results of Eligibility Check	July 12, 2006 at the BAC Secretariat Office
5. Issuance of Bid Documents	July 13-18, 2006 at the BAC Secretariat Office
6. Pre-Bid Conference	July 19, 2006, 10:00 a.m. at the PGO Mini-Conference Hall, Capitol, Alibagu, Ilagan, Isabela
7. Receipt and Opening of Bids	July 31, 2006, 10:00 a.m. at the PGO Mini-Conference Hall, Capitol, Ilagan, Isabela

Complete set of bid documents may be acquired from the BAC Secretariat Office, Capitol, Ilagan, Isabela, by the eligible suppliers/dealers after payment of non-refundable Bidding fee of Php 3,000.00 at the Provincial Treasurer's Office.

The Provincial Government of Isabela reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any required formality and award the contract to any bidder whose proposal has been stated by the BAC as the most advantageous to the Provincial Government and the right to confiscate the bid bond and/or pursue appropriate legal action should the winning bidder refuse to accept the award.

Further, the Provincial Government assumes no obligations whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expense or loss that they may incur in participating in this undertaking, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **MA. THERESA-ARANETA FLORES**
Provincial Administrator & BAC Chairperson

(PDI–June 18 & 25, 2006)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY PHILIPPINES

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) invites all interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the provision of janitorial and allied services for DTI and its attached agencies for a period of one (1) year, with an approved budget of Sixteen million pesos (Php 16,000,000.00).

Bid documents will be available for issuance starting 19 June to 3 July 2006 during office hours at the Supply Section, General Administrative Service, Ground Floor, Trade & Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City c/o Mr. Claudio H. Averilla, with telephone number 751-4996, after paying a non-refundable fee of Sixteen thousand pesos (Php 16,000.00). A pre-bid conference will be held on 3 July 2006, 9:30 A.M. at the Center Conference Room, 6th Floor, Trade & Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

Deadline for the submission of the eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals, and the opening of bids will be on 17 July 2006, 9:30 A.M. at the Center Conference Room, 6th Floor, Trade & Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City. The DTI Bids and Awards Committee will not entertain late bidders.

The DTI reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any minor defect therein, and accept the offer most advantageous to the government. The DTI assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

(Sgd.) **MA. LOURDES T. BAUA**
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, DTI Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – June 18 & 25, 2006)

Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
2/F Engineering Building, MWSS Compound
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
Telephone Nos. +632 9265233; +632 4333446
Telefax Nos.+632 9265234;+632 4333444

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Project	Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program (PAREMAR)
Loan No.	Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 1746-PHI
Description of Works	Site Development and Construction of Four (4) – Storey School Building in Cardinal Sin Village, Punta Sta. Ana, Manila

1. The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the ADB toward the cost of PAREMAR and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the Contract for Punta Sta. Ana URA Project in Cardinal Sin Village, Punta Sta. Ana, City of Manila
2. The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) as the executing agency now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following contract packages:

Contract Package	Site Development and Construction of four (4) – Storey School Building Project
Contract No.	URA-MLA-02C
Location	Cardinal Sin Village, Punta Sta. Ana, Manila
Contract Duration	180 Calendar Days
Project Description	Site development and construction of four (4) – storey school building, which include the following items of work: architectural works, structural works, electrical works, carpentry works, painting works, sanitary/plumbing works, water supply, site work, site improvement and drainage work, among others.

3. Interested Bidders shall secure the Bid Documents and submit bids as follows:

Activity	Date	Time	Venue
Securing of (a) Eligibility Checklist or (b) submission of Letter of Intent and purchase of complete set of Bid Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 10,500.00	From June 15 to 23, 2006	From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Securing of additional eligibility information (if any) and inspection of Bidding Documents	From June 15 to 23, 2006	From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Site Inspection	June 26, 2006	10:00 a.m	Cardinal Sin Village, Punta Sta. Ana, City of Manila
Pre-Bid Conference	June 26, 2006	2:00 p.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Deadline for submission of Bids	July 27, 2006	10:00 a.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Opening of Bids	July 27, 2006	10:30 a.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City

4. The NHA shall be the implementing agency of the Project.
5. Bidding (Eligibility Check/Prequalification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract) shall be conducted on the basis of local competitive bidding among interested Bidders from ADB eligible source countries as defined under the *"Guidelines for Procurement by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers"* pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 9184 **otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," to the extent it is consistent with Asian Development Bank's procedures.**
6. The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at anytime prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders

(Sgd.) **BINGLE H.B. GUTIERREZ**
Executive Director

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
2F, MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City 1105
Tel. Nos. 433-3447 and 926-5234
Email Address: prrc@tri-isys.com
Fax No. 926-5234

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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Invitation to Apply for Pre-qualification to Bid

Project ACCESS – Accelerating Community Electricity Services using Solar

1. The Government of the Philippines is implementing the "Expanded Rural Electrification Program" which aims to achieve the goal of 100% barangay (village) electrification by 2008 and 90% household electrification by 2017. The Department of Energy (DOE) and its partners has developed new approaches for the implementation of electrification projects in order to enhance sustainability, increase focus on public-private partnerships, use innovative financial incentives and subsidy schemes, and encourage local participation and ownership.
2. The Government, in partnership with the private sector donors and support from the World Bank and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), announces the launch of **Project ACCESS**. This project in its first phase will provide electricity services for public facilities, households and other establishments using solar photovoltaics (PV) to benefit people in 55 barangays in remote areas in the Provinces of Aklan, Masbate, Northern Samar and Palawan.
3. The Project ACCESS now calls for the submission of letters of intent and pre-qualification documents from prospective bidders to apply for eligibility to bid. Contracts will be awarded for multiple lots of clustered barangays for the supply and maintenance over five (5) years of PV systems in public facilities coupled with obligations to sell PV systems to households in the same areas for which subsidies and financial incentives are available
4. The pre-qualification requirements are described in the Project ACCESS pre-qualification documents which may be requested at the address provided below or downloaded at the www.doe.gov.ph website under the Rural Power Project heading.
5. The Project reserves the right to accept or reject any application, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all application at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.
6. Interested potential bidders must submit their letters of intent and pre-qualification documents on or before **15 July 2006; 5:00 pm (Manila time)** at the address specified below. Interested bidders may also obtain further information from the contact information provided from 9:00 to 5:00 pm.

Bids and Awards Committee
Project ACCESS
CTC Building, 2232 Roxas Boulevard,
1300 Pasay City, Philippines
Facsimile Nos. (632) 573-4814

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CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

We are a Philippine corporation that undertakes work for international organizations.

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Toeville Subd., East BF Homes, Parañaque City 1700
Fax Number: 8207923
Email Address: service@elitegrpmanage.com

PNOC-ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Bldg. 5, Ground Floor Energy Complex, Merritt Road
Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City
Tel. No. 893-1320, Local 5388

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The PNOC-Energy Development Corporation is inviting all interested suppliers to apply and submit sealed bids for the supply and delivery of the following:

Various Laboratory Equipment under PN-637206 / 637207 / 637213
Approved Budget PHP 2,231,900.00

Eligibility forms and bidding documents shall be available for issuance at the above address c/o Cielo B. de Castro starting June 7, 2006, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P400.00 per document

For purposes of clarifying certain matters, a pre-bidding conference shall be held on June 16, 2006, 2:00 pm at the above address.

Applications for eligibility and sealed bids shall be submitted to, and registered with the PNOC-EDC Supply Management Department at the above address, and thereafter dropped in the padlocked bid box thereat not later than 2:00 p.m. (Supply Management Office Wall Clock Time) of June 30, 2006. Public opening of bids shall follow immediately thereafter. **Late bids shall not be accepted.**

Prospective bidders shall signify conformance to the bidding terms and conditions as required, and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. Source of funding is from Internal Cash Generation of PNOC-EDC. All bids should be within the Approved Budget for the Contract in order to qualify.

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation reserves the right to annul the bidding process, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the bids received and to accept such bid which is most advantageous to PNOC-EDC without thereby incurring liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the ground(s) for PNOC-EDC's action

Chairman-Bids and Awards Committee II

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Chairman of the Board and President
Provident Plans International Corporation

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2006-07A

1. The *NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION, South Luzon Operation and Maintenance* (TRANSCO-SLOM) through the *2006 Corporate Budget approved by the TransCo Board* intends to apply the sum as indicated below being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the following Purchase Requisitions (PR). Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

BID SCHEDULE	PR NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	APPROVED BUDGET
DATE OF BIDDING: July 17, 2006 / 9:00 AM PRE-BID CONFERENCE: July 03, 2006 / 9:00 AM				
D7	QUE-06-16867	Steel Cross Arm and 4 others	1 lot	Php 9,913,657.68
D10	PSMD-S-06-16145	Multiproduct Calibration System	1 set	Php 8,650,000.00
DATE OF BIDDING: JULY 18, 2006 / 9:00 AM PRE-BID CONFERENCE: July 04, 2006 / 9:00 AM				
D13	D3O-06-18920	Potential Transformer	3 sets	Php 2,250,000.00
D14	D3O-06-18011	Capacitor Voltage Transformer	3 sets	Php 2,400,000.00
D15	D3O-06-18027	Gas Circuit Breaker	1 set	Php 3,000,000.00
D16	D3O-06-18885	Switch, Disconnect 3-Way	1 set	Php 3,000,000.00
D17	D3O-06-18880	Current Transformer	6 sets	Php 2,700,000.00

2. The *TRANSCO-SLOM* now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the aforementioned Bid Schedules. Delivery schedule of the GOODS shall be in accordance with the bid documents. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Materials Management Services, TransCo-SLOM and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NN and 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. from Monday to Friday.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from June 14, 2006 to July 14, 2006 at the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of Php 500.00 minimum, or 0.01% of the ABC whichever is higher per bidding schedule. The method of payment will be Cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative
6. TransCo-SLOM will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on the date and time stated above at the OAVP Conference Room.
7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on the date and time stated above. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in any of the forms indicated in Section III Bid Data Sheet of the bid documents, in Philippine Pesos or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.
8. Bid opening shall be on the date and time stated above at the OAVP Conference Room. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
9. The *National Transmission Corporate-South Luzon Operations and Maintenance* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

National Transmission Corporation, South Luzon Operation & Maintenance
Engr. Ruben G. Castuera, BAC Chairman
San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna
Telefax No. (632) 520-6776
Website: www.transco.ph

(Sgd.) R.G. CASTUERA
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

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NOTICE

RUSELL P. REYES
Block 55, Lot 11, Bulaon St.
San Fernando City, Pampanga

MELISSA A. PAMINTUAN
#88 J. Pineda St. San Matias,
Sto. Tomas, Pampanga

Rusell P. Reyes and Melissa A. Pamintuan's employment with COMGLASCO AGUILA GLASS CORPORATION have been **TERMINATED** effective May 30 and May 13, 2006, respectively based on just and valid causes.

Any transaction entered into with them shall no longer be honored by the company.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

That **MS. LEE LAY NOI** *a.k.a.* **Esther Lee** whose picture appears above has ceased to be connected in any capacity with **PLAUSKI FOREIGN EXCHANGE CORPORATION** effective May 17, 2006.

Any transaction entered into with this person from and after the date mentioned shall not be honored and shall not be for the responsibility of the Company.

PLAUSKI FOREIGN EXCHANGE CORPORATION
18/F - Quadrant B, Equitable Bank Tower, 8751
Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

(PDI- June 18, 2006)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB NO.: 05-18-2006BAC

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites service contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project : One (1) lot Janitorial Service for Casino Filipino – Bacolod
Brief Description : Annex Building & other structures of the Casino Filipino Hotel: 6,027.84 sq. mtrs
Slot Machine Arcade at the L'Sea Building: 352 sq. mtrs
Staff House: 200 sq. mtrs.
Required Personnel: 27 janitors (19 - Male, 8 - Female)
Approved Budget : Three Million Forty Eight Thousand & 00/100 Pesos (Php 3,048,000.00)
Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila., Tel. No. 526-0573 or at the Branch Procurement and Property Office – Casino Filipino-Bacolod.

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/ Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Pre-Bid Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	June 9, 2006 – June 30, 2006
2. Pre-Bid Conference	June 19, 2006 (2 pm)
3. Submission of Bids	July 1, 2006 (2 pm)
4. Opening of Bids	July 1, 2006 (2 pm onwards)

Bid documents will be available to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of *One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four Pesos (Php 1,524.00)*. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the Branch Bids and Awards Committee – Casino Filipino-Bacolod.

PAGCOR assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

PAGCOR reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

Please address all communications to the Branch Bids and Awards Committee – Casino Filipino-Bacolod.

(Sgd) RAMON A. MORENO
Chairperson, BBAC Casino Filipino-Bacolod

(PDI – June 11 & 18, 2006)

PNOC ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, 1200 Taguig City, Philippines
P.O. Box 2102 MCPO Tel. Nos 893-6001 to 47/893-1320 Fax No. 840-1575

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the project:

TWO (2) YEAR RENTAL OF 2 UNITS AIRCON BUSES
FOR
MINDANAO GEOTHERMAL PRODUCTION FIELD
(MGPF) EDC 06-034-1

The approved project cost is P9,216,000.00 to be charged against PNOC-EDC fund. The contract duration is Two (2) years.

Application forms for eligibility and the bidding documents may be secured from the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group, Fort Bonifacio (c/o N. P. Calling) starting **June 19, 2006 between 9:30 to 3:30 cashiering time upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Pesos: Five Hundred (P500.00).**

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **June 28, 2006, 9:30 AM** at PNOC-EDC Davao Logistics Office, Airport Road, Sasa, Davao City.

Applications for Eligibility and sealed bids shall be received by the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group at PNOC-EDC, 1st Floor Building 5, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Metro Manila, **not later than 2:00 p.m. on July 11, 2006 (Contracts Administration Group Office Wall Clock Time)** and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

PNOC-EDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, to accept such bids or to award any part of the work to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to PNOC-EDC.

BAC CHAIRMAN

(PDI – June 18 & June 25, 2006)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Municipal Trial Court of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Branch IV, has issued a Warrant for the Arrest of **Awilberto Rabida y Valencia** and **Aristotle Espiritu y Lusung** whose pictures appear above respectively. Both accused have a pending Criminal Case No. 05-0785 for the crime of ESTAFA under article 315. If you have any information of the whereabouts of the above, please send information to:

GQY Distribution Group, Inc.
at Dolores Homesite Extension, Dolores,
City of San Fernando or call (045) 961-4048

(PDI - June 18, 2006)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

LINDSEY D. ALUMNO

CARLOS T. HERNANDEZ

PRUDENTIAL GUARANTEE AND ASSURANCE, INC. would like to inform the public that Messrs. Lindsey D. Alumno and Carlos T. Hernandez, whose pictures appear above, are no longer connected with the company effective 28 April 2006 and 04 May 2006, respectively.

Any transaction entered into by and between the said persons on or after the above-mentioned dates will not be honored by **PRUDENTIAL GUARANTEE AND ASSURANCE, INC.**

(PDI–June 18 2006)

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June 2006

INVITATION

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID ON

Name of the Project : **Lease of The Manila Film Center (MFC)**

Brief Project Description : **Lease of the following areas of the Manila Film Center (MFC) building, with a total area of 52,981.49 sq.m.**

1.	Archives Level	–	12,234.90 sq.m
2.	Intermediate Level	–	7,588.27 sq.m.
3.	Colonade Level	–	6,839.32 sq.m
4.	Second Level	–	1,240.20 sq.m.
5.	Third Level	–	1,447.35 sq.m.
6.	Fourth Level	–	7,137.77 sq.m.
7.	Ramp & Stairs outside the Building	–	16,473.68 sq.m.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act."

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat (c/o Cecilia E. Funtinilla) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below starting June 20, 2006 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee in the amount of THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00). The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative

The CCP BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on July 05, 2006, 1:30pm, 3/F Tanghalang Pambansa CCP (Main Bldg.)

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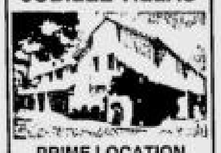

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is herby given that the Estate of EDUARDO T. SUVA who died intestate was settled extra-judicially among heirs before Notary Public Atty. Ruben T.M. Ramirez of Makati City Doc.#498:Page#101: Book#101,Series of 2006. (PDI-June 11,18 & 25'06)

Notice is Hereby Given that the Estate of the late HILARION RONGAVILLA was extrajudicially settled among Heirs Before Notary Public Luis S. Salas of Pasay City Doc. #407 Page 82 "Book#1,Series of 2006 (PDI June 18,25 & July 2'06)

Notice is hereby given that Philex Mining "B" Certificate No. B0194805-84, 750 share under Peter Chua was declared lost. If no contest received in 1yr. new certificate will be issued (PDI-June 11, 18, 25, 2006)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ANGELO A. OBCENA who died in estate was settled extra-judicially among heirs before Public Atty. Paulino I. Saguyod of Paniqui, Tarlac Doc#83 Page#17 Book#III Series of 2006. (PDI - June 18, 25 & July 2, 2006)

NOTICE is hereby given that the ESTATE OF THE LATE CHARLIE E. CORONEL had been the subject of a Deed of EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT of Estate WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS /INTERESTS Among the HEIRS under Doc. No. 77 Page No. 17 Book No. III Registry of Atty. Wendell E. Coronel of Makati City. (PDI June 18, 25&July 2,2006)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MARINA G. BERNABE was extrajudicially settled w/ waiver of rights among her heirs as per Doc #267, Page #54, Book #24, Serius of 2006 under Notary Public Gaudencio Barboza at Pasig City (PDI- June 18, 25, July 2, 2006)

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that EXPORT AND INDUSTRY BANK, INC. Stock Certificate#2955 with 135,000 shares issued to Estela V. Kong was declared lost. If no contest is received, new certificate will be issued. (PDI- June 11, 18 & 25, 2006

Notice is hereby given that Commonwealth Foods, Inc. Cert.#564 for 500 shares;#565 for 500 shares;#566 for 500 shares;#567 for 30 shares & #905 for 846 shares issued in the name of Dee K. Chong were reported lost. If no contest received, new certificates will be issued. (PDI-June 11,18 & 25, 2006)

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Peacefully joined her Creator on Sunday, June 8, 2006

She is survived by her bereaved children **Neil Vincent** and **Ana Andrea**, mother **Agueda Ng Chan**, mother-in-law **Chua Puay**, brothers **Casiano & Loreta Chan**, **Francisco & Mona Chan, Nicolas & Perla Chan**, sisters **Editha & Jimmy Go, Josefa Nellie & Anderson Tan, Violeta & Allan Scott.**

We join her family, relatives, friends and pious readers in praying for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine - Parish
5th St., Doña J. Rodriguez Ave., New Manila, Quezon City

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 21, 2006
at The Heritage Park, Bayani Road, Fort Bonifacio,
Taguig City, Metro Manila
after the 9:00 am Mass at Chapels 7 to 10 of The Heritage Park
Mortuary and Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, the family accepts donations for The Cancer Institute Foundation, Inc.

Mortuary and Crematory at The Heritage Park

GERONIMO "Ka Gerry" K. KAMUS, SR.

Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather and Friend
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Peacefully joined our Lord on June 15, 2006 at the age of 74.

His loving brothers and sisters, children **Chit, Mary, Bong, Ray** and **Gigi**; children-in-law **Jorge, Quer, Olive** and **Marian**; grandchildren **Macy, Geriko, Geo, Gian, Mika, Toni, Marbin, Inel, "J"** and **Pepe** together with his relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at AURORA Chapels, ARLINGTON EAST THE GARDEN CHAPELS, C. Raymundo Avenue, Pasig City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Sta. Clara de Montefalco Parish Church in front of Arlington East Pasig.

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A Message of Thanks

from the family of the late

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Our Dear Lord has called
our dearest Mother

Corazon P. Abalos

to join Him at the age of 84, on Thursday, 15th of June, 2006 at 5:25 p.m.

We, her children: **Chita, Ramon, Angelo, Boots, Nick, George, Baby, Remy, Tito, Ditas** and **Resie**; her grandchildren, brothers, sisters, in-laws and relatives request for your prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in the state of Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Saturday, June 24, 2006 after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Burial will follow.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave us His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have Everlasting life." —John 3:16

JOSEPHINE GUALBERTO LLANA

Died in the Grace of our Lord on June 13, 2006 at the age of 73.

She is preceded in death by her husband, **Dr. Rafael A. Llana** and son **Joseph G. Llana**. She is survived by her children **Ambel & Kit, Theloy & Cecile, Leah & Gilbert, Yolit** and **Terry**, her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We request the pious reader to join her family in prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Interment will be held today, June 18, 2006, at the Batangas Catholic Cemetery, Batangas City after the 3 p.m. Mass at the Basilica Church.

Message of Thanks

The family of the late

Col. Fidel G. dela Cruz, PC (Ret.)

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Project	Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program (PAREMAR)
Loan No.	Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 1746-PHI
Description of Works	Construction and Development of Brgy. Vergara Revetment Wall Project in Brgy. Vergara , Mandaluyong City

1. The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the ADB toward the cost of PAREMAR and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the Contract for the Construction and Development of Brgy. Vergara Revetment Wall Project in Brgy. Vergara , Mandaluyong City.
2. The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) as the executing agency now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following contract package:

Contract Package	Construction and Development of Brgy. Vergara Revetment Wall Project in Brgy. Vergara , Mandaluyong City
Contract No.	EPA-LPP-41
Location	Brgy. Vergara , Mandaluyong City
Contract Duration	240 Calendar Days
Project Description	Construction and Development of Stepped Design Revetment Wall, which include the following items of work: Earthworks,Topbeam, Inclined Wall with Steps, Pile Cap, Sheet Piling Works and Railings.

3. Interested Bidders shall secure the Bid Documents and submit bids as follows:

Activity	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
Securing of (a) Eligibility Checklist or (b) submission of Letter of Intent and purchase of complete set of Bid Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 11,500.00	From June 22 to 30, 2006	From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Kalipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Securing of additional eligibility information (if any) and inspection of Bidding Documents	From June 22 to 30, 2006	From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Site Inspection	July 04, 2006	10:00 a.m.	ARCYA Compound Brgy. Vergara,Mandaluyong City
Pre-Bid Conference	July 04, 2006	2:00 p.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Kalipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Deadline for submission of Bids	August 4, 2006	10:00 a.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Kalipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Opening of Bids	August 4, 2006	10:30 a.m.	PRRC, 2F MWSS Engineering Bldg. Kalipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City

4. The City of Mandaluyong shall be the implementing agency of the Contract.
5. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with relevant procedures for open competitive bidding as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", to the extent it is consistent with Asian Development Bank's procurement procedures and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *"Guidelines for Procurement Under Asian Development Bank Loans"*.
6. The documents required in the Eligibility Documents shall be submitted as part of the Technical Documents of the Bidders as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.
7. The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at anytime prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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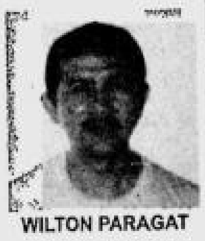
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

VANGIE PARAGAT



WILTON PARAGAT

This is to inform all concerned that a Warrant of Arrest was issued on October 18, 2004 by the Hon. Judge Amelia A. Fabros of the Pasig Regional Trial Court Branch 160 against spouses VIRGILIA P. PARAGAT a.k.a "VANGIE" and WILTON PARAGAT, both of whom have been charged with the crime of ESTAFA, docketed as Criminal Case No.129140.

Kindly convey any information on their present whereabouts to Mobile # 0919-6289920. A reward will be given to any person who will provide information that will lead to the arrest of the two accused. All information given shall be treated confidentially.

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PMAP holds golf tourney

THE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (PMAP), through its Fellowship and Sports Committee, invites all golf enthusiasts to swing, putt, and show their best form in the greens on the forthcoming 6th PMAP – Ford Executive Golf Tournament on June 21, Wednesday, at the Valley Golf and Country Club. Tee off time is at 6 to 7 am on a System 36 format. Special prizes await the over-all Champion (lowest gross), and Champions and Runner-ups for classes A, B and C. Special awards will also be given to the Longest Drive, Most Number of Eagles, Most Number of Birdies, Most Number of Pars, Nearest to the Pin, Most Accurate Drive and Hole in One. Tickets are already available at P1,800, inclusive of green fee, caddie fee, lunch and raffle ticket. For reservations and inquiries, please call the PMAP Professional Staff at Tel. 726-1581/88/32 or email pmap@pmap.org.ph.

NREA convention

IN KEEPING WITH ITS ANNUAL TRADITION TO PROVIDE THE GENeral public with the best showcase for Philippine real estate development, the National Real Estate Association Inc. (NREA), the one-stop trade organization, will now hold its 11th National Convention and Trade Exhibits on Aug. 24 – 26 at the Megatrade Hall 3, 5th Level of Building B, SM Megamall, EDSA, Mandaluyong City. Arch. Nestor S. Mangio, NREA board chair, also announced that the convention, aptly adopting the theme, "New Direction in the Real Estate Industry," aims to provide a suitable and relevant venue where concerned stakeholders in the industry offer updates on recent developments and trends as well as the latest innovations and technology on their products and services. According to association president and founder Pepe Manalad, the organizing committee is composed of EVP Alejandro Mañalac, chairman; Auditor Veronica Lim, vice chair. VP Axel Aguirre, exhibits chair and Trustee Lucia Ferrer, vice chair while prominent architects Ma. Ysolde Flores and Abelardo Tolentino, Jr. are program chair and vice chair, respectively. Contact the Secretariat at telelphone numbers 913-4463 or 912-3492 for particulars.

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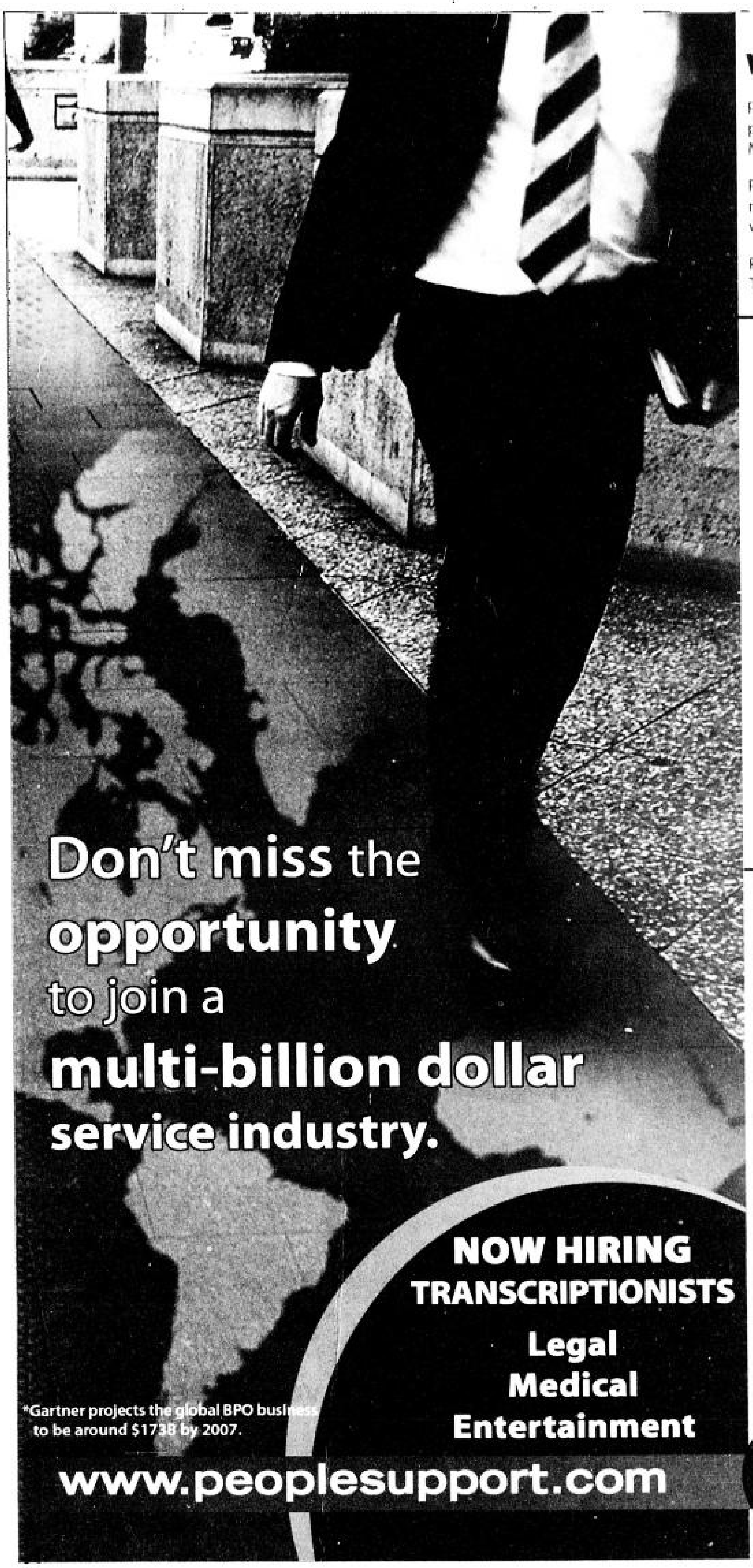
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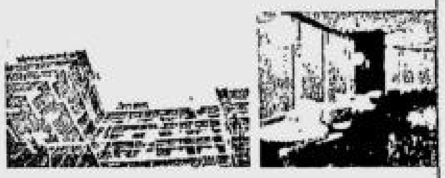

PRODUCTION MANAGER

Job Code: PRM

He/she shall oversee production of contract documents, detailing and specifications writing for various project types. He shall also be responsible for coordination with clients and consultants (MEPS) to ensure architectural design/interior design intent is maintained. He shall be in-charge of final review, quality control and timely submission of project deliverables.

- Degree in Architecture; Professional registration required
- At least 10 years experience in high-rise design and construction documentation required
- Strong leadership qualities, managerial and organizational skills
- Has working knowledge of AutoCAD 2004/2005
- International exposure an advantage; Willing to travel
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills .

PROJECT COORDINATOR

Job Code: PRC

He/she shall be responsible for over-all coordination with Client, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing/Fire Protection and Structural (MEPS) engineering consultants from conceptual to construction documentation stages. He shall be in-charge of design review, quality control and timely submission of project deliverables.

- Degree in Architecture; Professional registration required
- At least 5 years experience in high-rise design and construction documentation required
- Proficiency in Autocad 2004/2005 required
- Willing to travel
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER

Job Code: QAM

He shall manage and implement quality assurance policies and procedures. He shall conduct quality control of all project deliverables prior to submission to client.

- Degree in architecture; Professional registration required
- At least 10 years experience in high-rise design and construction documentation required
- Strong leadership qualities, managerial and organizational skills
- Has working knowledge of AutoCAD 2004/2005
- International exposure an advantage
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

CADD DESIGNER

Job Code: CAD

He shall be primarily responsible for generating working drawings

- College degree in Architecture
- At least 3 years experience in construction documentation for architecture (preferably high-rise) or interior design preferred
- Proficiency in AutoCAD 2004/2005 required
- Proficiency in modeling and rendering software an advantage

TRAINING OFFICER

Job Code: TRO

He shall be in-charge of training CAD Designers according to client CAD standards. He shall assist in recruitment and in managing ramping-up plan.

- Degree in architecture; Professional registration preferred
- At least 5 years experience in high-rise design and construction documentation required
- Proficiency in AutoCAD 2004/2005 required
- Excellent written and communication skills required

PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Job Code: PMO

He shall be responsible for managing schedule and manpower requirements in production of contract documents. He shall also undertake quality control in sheet composition, content and consistency in CADD standards.

- Degree in Architecture; Professional registration preferred
- At least 5 years experience in high-rise design and construction documentation required
- Proficiency in AutoCAD 2004/2005 required
- Excellent communication skills required

PRODUCTION MANAGER, DESIGN VISUALIZATION

Job Code: DVO

He shall be in-charge of quality control and timely submission of Design Visualization project deliverables.

- Graphics portfolio of at least 10 years experience required
- Involvement in animation industry preferred
- Proficiency in AutoCAD, 3D studio Max or Viz an advantage
- Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop and Corel programs preferred

ASST PROJECT MANAGER

Job Code: APM

He/she will organize and lead the project team in the delivery of project management services from pre-design to post-construction stage. He/she will be responsible in overseeing construction projects on site and head office support services. He/she must possess the ability to identify and resolve changes and conflicts in design and construction. He/she must know how to establish and maintain good working relationships with clients, consultants, contractors, and property managers.

- College degree in Electrical, Mechanical and Civil Engineering
- Professionally Licensed preferred
- 5-8 years experience in project and construction management'
- Proficiency in written and oral communication
- International exposure an advantage
- Computer literacy and proficiency preferred

SENIOR DESIGN ARCHITECT

Job Code: SDA

He shall be responsible for over-all conceptualization and design development of various project types. He shall coordinate with other engineering disciplines to ensure technical integrity of designs. He shall be the lead in the preparation of the design visualization requirements of the projects.

- Degree in architecture; Professional registration required
- At least 10-12 years experience in various project types
- Proficiency in Autocad 2004/2005 required
- International exposure an advantage
- Willing to travel
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required

QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Job Code: QSO

He shall be responsible to do quantity take offs and estimates of company projects. He/She will maintain a database of construction cost for the company.

- College Degree in Civil Engineering
- 3 years related working experience in related field
- Proficiency in MS Office program required

INTERIOR DESIGNER

Job Code: IDC

He shall be responsible for translating design intent into working drawings. He shall coordinate with client during design development and construction documentation phases.

- College degree in interior design
- Professional registration required
- At least 10 years experience in hospitality, retail, high-end residential and corporate projects
- Proficiency in Autocad 2004/2005 required
- International exposure an advantage
- Willing to travel abroad
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required

PROJECT ENGINEER

Job Code: PRE

He/she shall be responsible for construction supervision/inspection. He/she shall undertake project management and shall ensure design quality control during project implementation.

- College degree in Electrical, Mechanical or Civil Engineering
- Professional registration preferred
- With 3 years experience
- Exposure in construction & fit-out preferred
- International exposure an advantage
- Computer literacy and proficiency preferred

IT SUPPORT + DEVELOPER

Job Code: ITS

He/she shall be tasked with providing support for the company's Windows-based infrastructure, as well as the development, maintenance and support of internal information systems, including various database and intranet-based applications.

- Graduate of BS Computer Science from a reputable institution
- 3 years work experience
- Willing to work late shifts
- Strong background in one or more of the following: PHP, HTML, .NET, Java, Visual Basic
- Experience in developing database applications using MS SQL Server, MySQL, and MS Access
- Samples of work will be appreciated

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Job Code: ADM

She will be responsible for handling and receiving incoming calls, documents, coordination of messengerial services, general office maintenance and office supplies inventory. She shall be tasked to prepare Purchase orders, coordination with vendors and suppliers and other general administrative duties

- Must possess a college degree (any four-year course)
- Minimum of 2 years experience in general/administrative work
- Proficiency in MS Office Application
- Pleasing Personality and with proficient oral communication skills

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- 10-key proficiency a must
- Good written and oral communications skills
- Must know the importance of meeting deadlines with accuracy
- Must take on the responsibility with minimum supervision
- Flexibility to work day or night shifts
- Call center/Banking experience welcomed

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Requirements:

- Bachelor's/College Degree in Computer Science/Information Technology or equivalent
- Required skills: ASP.Net, VB.Net, C#.Net
- Preferred skills: XSL, XML
- Minimum of 2 years working experience in development using .NET (ASP/VB/C#), SQL Server 2000 and Crystal Reports
- Ability to plan and to work independently with minimum supervision
- Proactive and highly analytical
- Ability to work under pressure
- Willing to extend hours or work on shifting schedules

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources or equivalent
- Has some background in General Accounting/Payroll
- Minimum of 3 years working experience in Human Resources
- Preferably Supervisor/Manager specializing in HR Administration and Personnel Management
- Possesses excellent organizational competency to handle multi-tasks in a fast-paced working environment

ACCOUNTING MANAGER

Requirements:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Preferably with MBA Degree
- Minimum of 3 years working experience as an Accounting Manager
- Excellent presentation skills

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Requirements:

- Bachelor's/College Degree in any field
- Minimum of 3 years working experience specializing in Business Development in a Data Processing Production environment / Healthcare Insurance Industry
- Strategic planning and decision-making skills
- Ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously
- Personnel Management experience

CORPORATE TRAINOR

Requirements:

- Bachelor's/College Degree in any field
- Preferably with MBA Degree
- Minimum of 3 years working experience specializing in Training and Development in a Data Processing Production environment / Healthcare Insurance Company
- Preferably Supervisor/Manager specializing in Training and Development or equivalent
- Ability to prepare reports and training modules
- Ability to plan Training and Development activities
- Creative, innovative, patient and open-minded
- Excellent time-management, presentation, verbal and written communication skills

Additional Requirements for the aforementioned positions:

- Proactive management
- A good team player with excellent leadership, interpersonal, communication and problem-solving skills
- Well-organized, detail-oriented and results oriented
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- Hard-working, resourceful, organized and willing to learn

MEDIA RELATIONS SPECIALIST

APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- Female, 23 - 28 years old
- Graduates of 4-year college course
- Proficient in English and computer literate
- Hard-working, resourceful, organized and willing to learn
- Personable

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- Female, 23 - 26 years old
- Graduates of 4-year college course
- Proficient in English and computer literate
- Hard-working, resourceful, organized and willing to learn

Interested applicants may send their comprehensive resumes, including position applied for, latest 2x2 photo and contact number, through the following:

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- Computer literate
- Customer Service Oriented

TRAINING SPECIALIST

- Graduate of any behavioral science course preferably in Psychology/Human Resources
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- OPERATOR CONTROLLERS
- PLATE IRON WORKERS
- PIPING INVENTORY CONTROLLERS
- PWHT CONTROL
- QUANTITY SURVEYORS (Mechanical)
  - W/ 10 years exp. , at least 3 yrs in overseas projects in oil and gas.
- CIVIL PLANNING ENGINEERS
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Electl. Engrs	40-45	1. Min 10 yrs working career of designing work in Electl area 2. Working exp in Power Plant & Chemical Plant area 3. Making & Preparation of Engineering Items Spec and skilled in surveying works. 4. Good at Engineering Coordination job	
Electl. Engrs.	40-45	1. Min. 15 yrs in Electrical Engineering works.	1 Engineering Coordination work with client and overseas PJ
Mechl. Engrs	40-45	1. Min. 10-15 yrs working career in areas of Piping design 2. Preparation & reviewing of Technical Spec. 3. Reviewing ITB flow & able to make Questionnaire sheet 4. Checking the contract & possible to do Coordination work.	1 Documentation Engineer
Mechl. Engrs	40-45	1. Able to do HVAC Control work	
Mechl. Engrs	40-45	1. Min. 15 yrs working exp in Chemical-Mechanical area 2. Skilled in EPC Contractor Design area 3. Experienced in Centrifugal Compressor design Purchasement Service Work. 4. Skilled in API Code Work. 5. Working career in Package Item Design & Purchase Service.	
Mechl. Engrs	40-45	1. Min. 20 yrs. working career in H.E. area 2. Mechanical Engineer (UK)	1. Reviewing & Picking-up of Equipment type & spec. by the standard PJ procedure at the estimation or site mobilization & keeping & updating outstanding portion l the estimation.
Mechl. Engrs	below 40	1. Able to make and prepare Technical proposal.	Estimate (Technical proposal work), min. 5 yrs. working career in Oil & Gas PJ area.
Mechl. Engrs	below 40	1. Skilled in Primavera P3 3.1 or P3 Enterprise Software work. 2. Experienced in Oil-Chemical Plant Planning & Scheduling.	Scheduler (min. 5 yrs. working career in oil & gas area)
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Ecop to tackle termination of employment

RARELY IS A DECISION to fire an employee arrived at lightly or is it as dramatic as depicted on television and the silver screen.

The most drastic termination of employment is involuntary termination. A less severe form is to be laid off or made redundant.

An individual can face termination of employment, or job loss, for one of many reasons.

On the part of management, firing an employee is expensive and risky considering that such act requires extensive documentation in cases of wrongful termination or dismissed employees may retaliate by filing a lawsuit, revealing trade secrets to competitors or exposing illegal practices.

It is against these backdrop that the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (Ecop) is conducting a Seminar on Handling Termination on June 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Ecop Training Room.

Interested parties may register with Nanette Alo of the Ecop Training Department at 890-4845/47 or 899-0411.

The seminar will delve on, among others, the various avenues of termination and providing a framework to manage change where that change – automation, reengineering, mergers – involves termination of employment.

In addition, the seminar will deal with termination policies to ensure consistent treatment among employees whose working relationship with the company is ending.

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- Minimum of 4 years in-house payroll experience (300+ company)
- Strong Excel skills
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- Must have excellent customer service, interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work independently with a high level of initiative and good judgment
- Understanding of US and Canadian payroll taxes
- Experience working with ADP payroll and an in-house payroll product is a plus
- 4-year degree and experience working with multi-country payrolls preferred

Financial Application Support

- Has strong Accounting background preferably Certified Public Accountants (CPAs)
- Accounting/ Reporting Writing Building (ODBC, Crystal, Cognos, etc.), 1-2 years experience in Report Writing, preferably with accounting background or experience using accounting software
- E- Commerce/ Web (will need other working App knowledge in CRM or ERP)
- Enterprise or Business Reporting (Crystal Report, ODBC, etc). Candidate should have some accounting backgrounds if possible, preferably with MBA
- Expat Payroll

NOTE: Qualifications on any above requirements will be considered. We are looking to fill in multiple positions.

Trainers

- Must be a B.A./B.S., 2-3 years technical knowledge, 1-2 years experience in training delivery for the software industry.
- Ideal candidate must have strong ERP and accounting knowledge and/or strong CRM experience.
- Strong communication skills. Fluency in English is required.
- Must have the ability to communicate technical information to both technical and non-technical audiences.
- Dedication to quality and excellence, with a strong customer service focus.
- Knowledge of and experience with financial accounting and CRM products such as Quickbooks, ACCPAC, Great Plains, Goldmine, ACT and Salesforce.com is highly desirable.
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- Flexible scheduling and willing to travel.

QA Lead

- 4-5 years testing experience on software applications, preferably ERP.
- Must have written test plans from requirement and can explain what types of testing can be done.
- Must have made testing schedules - how long, how many people, who will test what.
- Desirable to have some development experience.
- Preferably with knowledge of SQL or scripting.
- Desirable to have any test tool experience.

QA Tester

- 2-3 years testing experience on software applications, preferably ERP.
- Desirable to have some development experience.
- Preferably with knowledge of SQL or scripting
- Desirable to have any test tool experience.

Candidates must be willing to work on shifting schedules and must have good communication skills.

Interested candidates can send their comprehensive resumes to:

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Is there a different way to resolve conflict at work?

DEAR WW: THERE IS A LOT of tension where I work. It seems like someone is always fighting with someone else. Is there anything that I can do to change the attitude in our office?

Conflicted

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

My hero when it comes to resolving conflict at work is Jeffrey Pumo. He's not a business professor, a CEO or an author. He's a Montana State University student who was arrested and charged on a series of marble shootings at people, according to the News of the Weird. Mr. Pumo was quoted in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle saying, "I'm looking forward to proving my innocence on the majority of these counts."

Mr. Pumo reminds us that it is rare that we are totally innocent when there is a problem at work; often we share some of the blame. To begin the process of creating a better workplace, each of us needs to acknowledge how we contribute to the mess. I've included strategies to increase the peace, below. For more, check out the co-founder of the Giraffe Project, John Graham's, book, "Stick Your Neck Out" (Berrett Koehler, 2005).

Can you acknowledge past wrongs and hurts? Have you ever held a grudge against someone? We all have. That's why it's so important to reduce the impact of these past hurts by acknowledging them. A sincere apology is a great place to start.

Do you take the time to understand their perspective? Have you ever felt strongly about something at work? Usually, you have a lot of reasons for reaching the conclusion that you've reached. Don't forget that it's often no different for the people that you work with. They usually have their reasons for their actions. Honor them by taking the time to walk in their shoes to try to understand where they're coming from. But don't stop there at what they believe, dig deeper to learn the reasons behind their actions.

Can you learn to suspend your judgment? Most people are successful in business because of their intuition. As important as gut feelings can be, there are also plenty of times where it's important to suspend judgment and give someone the benefit of the doubt.

Can you give something back? It's easy to get into a battle over precious resources. One thing that I've found that really can change the entire dynamic is to look for opportunities to give stuff away. Resources, interesting projects, advice—stand up for people and chances are they'll start standing up for you.

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Do you explain your position with more candor than usual? According to my mail, there seems to be less and less candor at work today. Buck this trend by bringing all the honesty you can to work. Some people may complain about TMI (too much information) but most will appreciate your honesty.

Mr. Pumo lost his marbles, but you don't have to. Use the strategies above and work could become a more hospitable place.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: Which movie title best describes your strategy for dealing with conflict at work?

—Apocalypse Now, 19.5 percent

—Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, 30.7 percent

—Easy Rider, 49.6 percent

(Mr. Rosner, an internationally syndicated columnist, author and speaker, is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. E-mail him at bob@workingwounded.com.*)*

'Why do companies discriminate against married women?'

I AM A FRESH GRADUATE from a reputable university here in our province. I had applied for vacant positions in companies in our province in connection with my course (Chemical Engineering). The problem is that most companies prefer single women. I am 23 years old, married, and with one child. I think these companies are biased. They do not give equal opportunities to married women.

Recruitment people around me say that they prefer single women because single women are more efficient and do not have maternity benefits. I hope these companies will give opportunities to women like me. I like very much to practice what I have learned as well as get additional learning experience and knowledge. Please help me find a job. Thank you.

Young Mother

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

Josie O. Santamaria

Unfortunately for us in our country, there are no equal opportunity laws that would give sanctions to companies which discriminate against employment of people on the basis of age, gender, life circumstances, such as being parent to young children, etc. In our country, there are companies which prefer to hire men, the young and the single, among others. These biases stem from experiences with mothers who come late for work or are often absent so that they can take care of sick children, or bring their babies and young children to pediatricians and the like. They have biases in favor of single women whom they consider more efficient, who can work long hours, and, additionally, don't have maternal benefits.

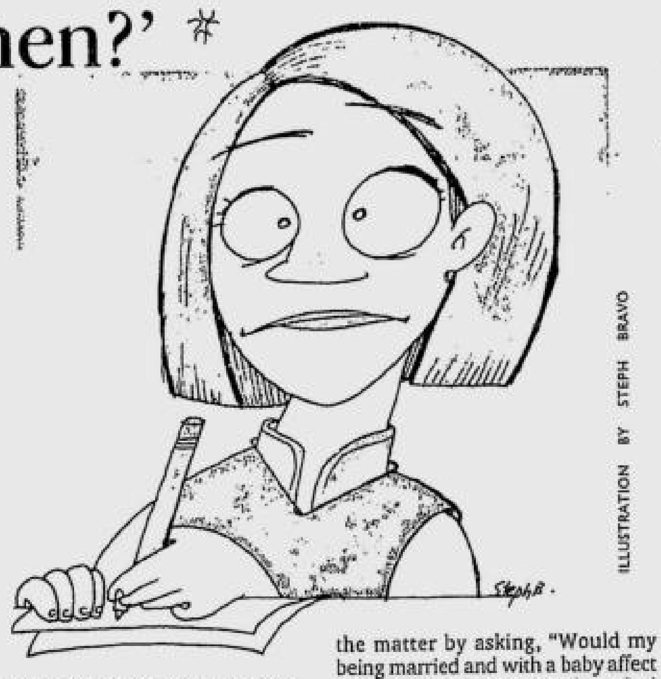
However, there are also companies that look at the qualifications and potentials of applicants and hire women with young children. During the probationary period, these married women show themselves to be work-engaged and focused (rather than distracted), and are able to finish tasks even if these tasks take them well into the night. These young mothers are self-confident about working late hours because they usually have their own mothers or mothers-in-law, or reliable domestic helpers or "yayas" to take care of their children's needs, including monitoring their homework.

That you live outside of Metro Manila is a disadvantage because there are fewer companies in your home location or surrounding environs unlike those that can be found in Metro Manila cities such as Makati City, Parañaque City, Las Piñas City, Muntinlupa City, Quezon City, Pasig City, etc. But, don't be discouraged. I suggest the following things you can do:

1. Get someone reliable and dependable to take care of your baby. Train this person on how to take care of your baby, what to do if your baby gets sick, how to get in touch with you, whom to call if you can't be reached, etc.

2. Improve your resumé to project a good image of you. Surf the Internet or get a book on how to write effective resumés.

3. Send your resumé to as many companies that employ people with your educational background. The more companies you send your resumé to, the better are your chances to be interviewed and to get a job.



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4. Look at job vacancies advertised in the job market. Participate in job fairs in your province. Know what positions require your educational background or chemistry or engineering. Even if the job specifies male or single people, send your resumé just the same.

5. Prepare yourself for interviews. Know how to respond when the interviewer asks you how having a baby is likely to affect your job performance. Prepare your answer and deliver it with self-confidence.

Say something like this: "Yes, it's true, that I have a six-month old baby. However, this will not affect my job performance because I have my mother (or a trained and reliable "yaya") to take care of my baby. If given a chance to work in your company, I am prepared to show that I will be efficient and hardworking and deliver expected results." If the interviewer is not upfront about their preference for single women, bring up the matter by asking, "Would my being married and with a baby affect your decision to hire me, if you find me qualified?"

6. While waiting for job interviews, develop your computer skills. Every job nowadays requires computer proficiency. Additionally, review your subjects in Chemical Engineering to be ready to answer technical questions.

7. Develop your network i.e., list down people you know who are employed or who know people who can refer you to companies to which you can apply. Make known to them that you are looking for a job.

8. Be confident, based on your confidence in God, that you will get a good job. It will just take time.

God bless you.

(Ms Santamaria is president of Career Systems, Inc. She has a Ph.D. in psychology and is a practicing psychologist, counselor, management consultant, executive coach and mentor. For more information on careers, visit www.careersystems.com.ph.*)*

Killing oneself in work

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

AS I GREW UP IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, I WOULD SEE ELDERLY men and women who bore the marks of hard work on their bodies—tired and wrinkled faces, drooping shoulders and hunched back, weakening knees and callous hands and feet and other physical signs of body wear and tear—which clearly showed how work had taken its toll on their bodies. These ordinary workers, mostly doing manual labor, seemed to tell those for whom they work and those who are fed, clothed and sheltered, and perhaps educated by the wages or earnings of their work, "I am giving you my body, take it so you will live!" These working parents are, in fact, "killing" their bodies for their children "to eat" and live.

They are like Jesus—in today's Gospel and celebration of Corpus Christi—who gives His Body and Blood so that those who believe in Him will live. Everyone in the workplace, doing either manual, mental or other types of jobs, has the rare privilege of imitating the life-giving Jesus.

"Giving one's body and blood in work" means spending everything one has for his job and for all that his work entails; it demands total dedication to one's tasks and duties and great desire of doing them to the best of one's abilities, thus resulting in a greater productivity of the company which could be justly shared to provide everyone a better quality of life.

"Killing oneself in work," however, can also become life-threatening. The compulsion to overwork is not healthy for the worker himself and eventually will affect negatively the others around him. Faith in Christ and love like His, however, will ensure that work will give true life and happiness for the worker, his loved ones and the others. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

The body at work

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

I'M NOT A THEOLOGIAN, BUT IN MY OPINION, JESUS RENEWED our respect for the human body in giving up His own body out of love for all of us. He couldn't have done His work and accomplished His mission without a human body. He wasn't just an idea or some pretty picture that existed in the mind, and because He lived and worked with His body, just like us, it is easy for us to identify with Him, for we too, use our body at work.

Indeed, through the proper use of our bodies at the workplace, we gain respect as human persons. Even those born without hands, out of self-respect, strive to find gainful employment by training their other limbs, for example, to perform extraordinary tasks. Thus, we respect them all the more. (You've heard of the foot-and-mouth artists—those who produce beautiful paintings using their feet and their mouth to wield the brush? And of handless musicians who expertly play the guitar with their toes?) On the other hand, we deride able-bodied tramps who make a profession out of begging. (When we are approached by one of them, don't we think, "*Ang laki-laki ng katawan, hindi magtrabaho!*" Why doesn't he work when he's such a hunk of a man?)

From the way we use our bodies at work, we earn respect or ridicule from our fellowmen. Whatever trade, occupation or profession we're in, we use our bodies to either give life or lure others to death of one form or another. Think doctor, fireman, construction worker, musician, prostitute, driver, software programmer, actor, etc., and see whether they work for life or for death. In order to protect our intentions from destructive illusions and our bodies from abuse, we take Jesus as our model and ask Him to guide us in the use of our bodies to earn our living. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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Gospel - Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body."

'I want to back out from my work contract!'

By Tita Datu Puangco

I AM SEEKING YOUR ADVICE because I don't know what action to take on a job offer. The company that wants to employ me is in Makati and the people are doing backroom office operations for their American clients. It is not a call center but an outsourced manpower firm that does accounting work for their clients abroad.

They called me last Thursday. I was, at first, excited because it is my first time to have gotten a call back from a company since I just graduated last March. But I am anxious about the job because of the night shift I will be on.

I have signed a contract with them saying that I would be willing to be on a six-month probationary term and will be compensated with a certain amount of income. I am now considering backing out from the contract because I would want to seek opportunities that would not require me to work at night. Shall I push through with it? I don't know what to do. Could you help me?

Anxious Night Shifter

Advice

FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

You are anxious about fulfilling a contract you recently signed because it would require you to work on night shift. But at the same time, you are excited because you are taking on your first job. Your main concern is whether or not to back out from your commitment.

First of all, check your chances of finding a day job. If you are confident you will get a day job as easily, then the next step is to find out how you can retract from your contract. You may have to consult a lawyer to find out the legal implications if you withdraw. Talk also to the human resource person who hired you. The sooner you get in touch with the company the better. This is ethical and fair to the person who hired you.

However, before you back out, why not consider trying out for the job for six months? Especially, if there is no guarantee that you can easily land a job. You may just like the idea. Examine the reasons why you don't want to work the night shift. It may be because of the discomfort of changing your present lifestyle where you are awake during the daytime and asleep at night. If this is the case, then adopt a mind set open to change. The world has changed. Most of the jobs available are night jobs.

We consult with a number of outsourcing companies who are aware of the difficulty of the adjustment period for first-time night shifters. They have orientation programs that will make your transition easy. They also give you guidelines that will enable you to sleep soundly during the day. They also provide occasions to build camaraderie and community with other night shifters.

There is also the downside you have to watch out for. Anxiety, ambivalence, low emotional intelligence and the inability to adjust can also result in depression, excessive eating, smoking and drinking. What is important is a strong personal discipline.

You may also want to look at the positive side of outsourcing companies. We know they provide a lot of valuable training; they typically use global standards and can acquaint you with technology practices and experiences. They can provide you critical skills for the present and the future.

Whatever your decision, make sure it fulfills the criteria you have set for a first job. God bless!

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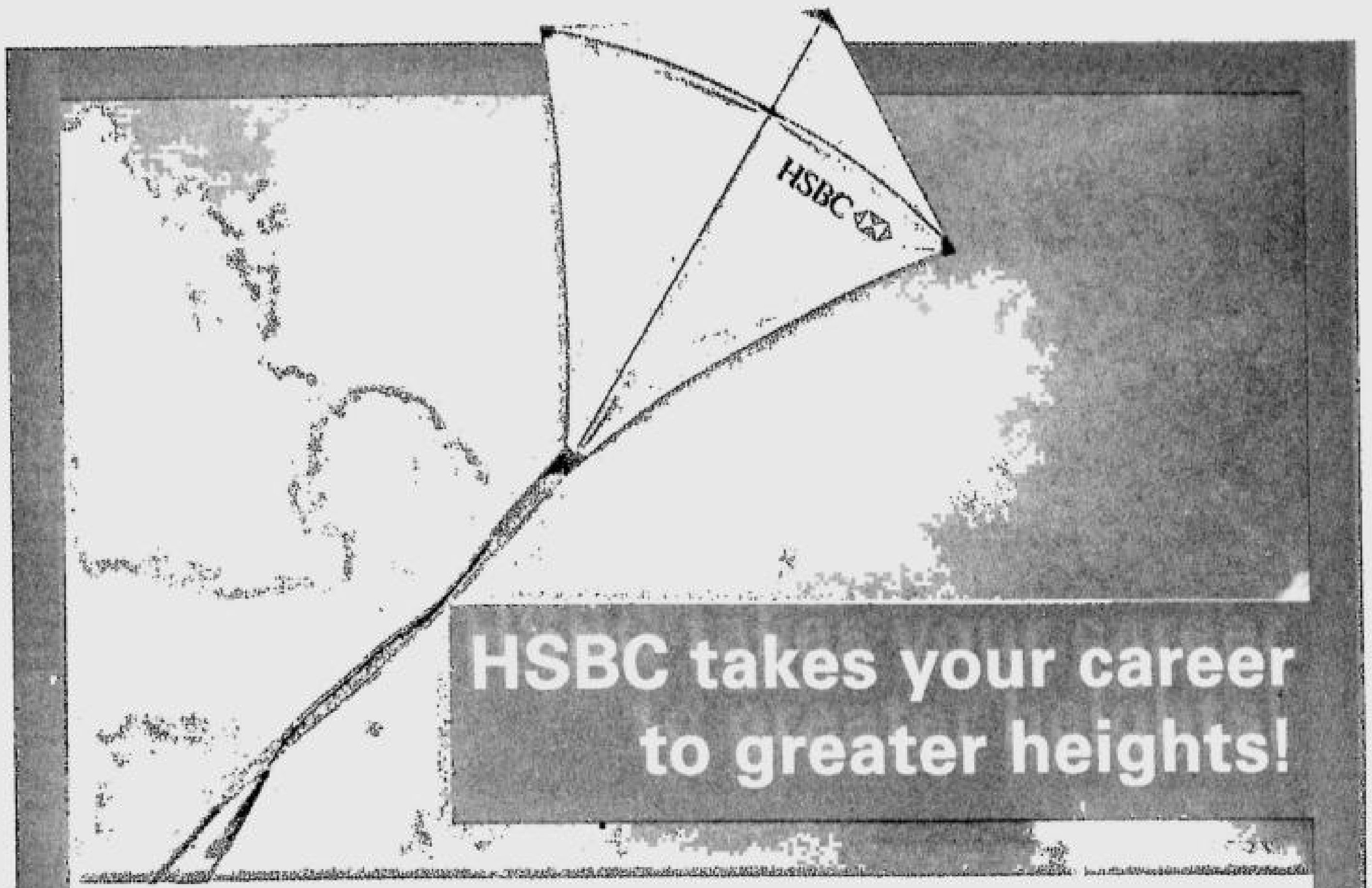

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- Provide technical assistance to the community on contract packaging, contract administration, supervision and monitoring;
- Review and evaluate community contract packages prior to submission to the Bank for clearance;
- Facilitate and coordinate with the Bank matters related to community procurement;
- Monitor performance of the project staff on procurement;
- Conduct on-site contract review with beneficiary communities and on-site audit of community procurement based on a sample of barangays;
- Enhance procurement monitoring tools to further familiarize and improve procurement skills and awareness of the community and project staff;
- Ensure that all community procurement transactions are done in accordance with the agreed arrangement with the Bank;
- Draft a community procurement training manual for the use of trainers who will train barangay volunteers on community procurement;
- Perform other duties related to procurement as assigned by the Project Manager.

Individuals that have the following qualifications may submit Expressions of Interest:

- Graduate of Civil Engineering, Accounting, Law, or other related course;
- At least five (5) years experience in Foreign Assisted Projects focused on Community/Rural Development;
- Knowledgeable with the Philippine Procurement Laws and World Bank Procurement Rules and Procedures;
- Demonstrated capability to conduct Procurement Trainings to Community Volunteers and Project Staff;
- Ability to write procurement modules, manuals, training programs and other related materials;
- Excellent in written and oral communication skills in English and Filipino (knowledge in Philippine local languages is an advantage);
- Knowledgeable with the Local Government Code of the Philippines;
- Possess strong analytical critical skills;
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Interested Applicants may submit a written Expression of Interest, Application Letter and Comprehensive Resumé to the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at 2nd floor, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone number 951-71-16 until June 23, 2006 at 5:00 PM.

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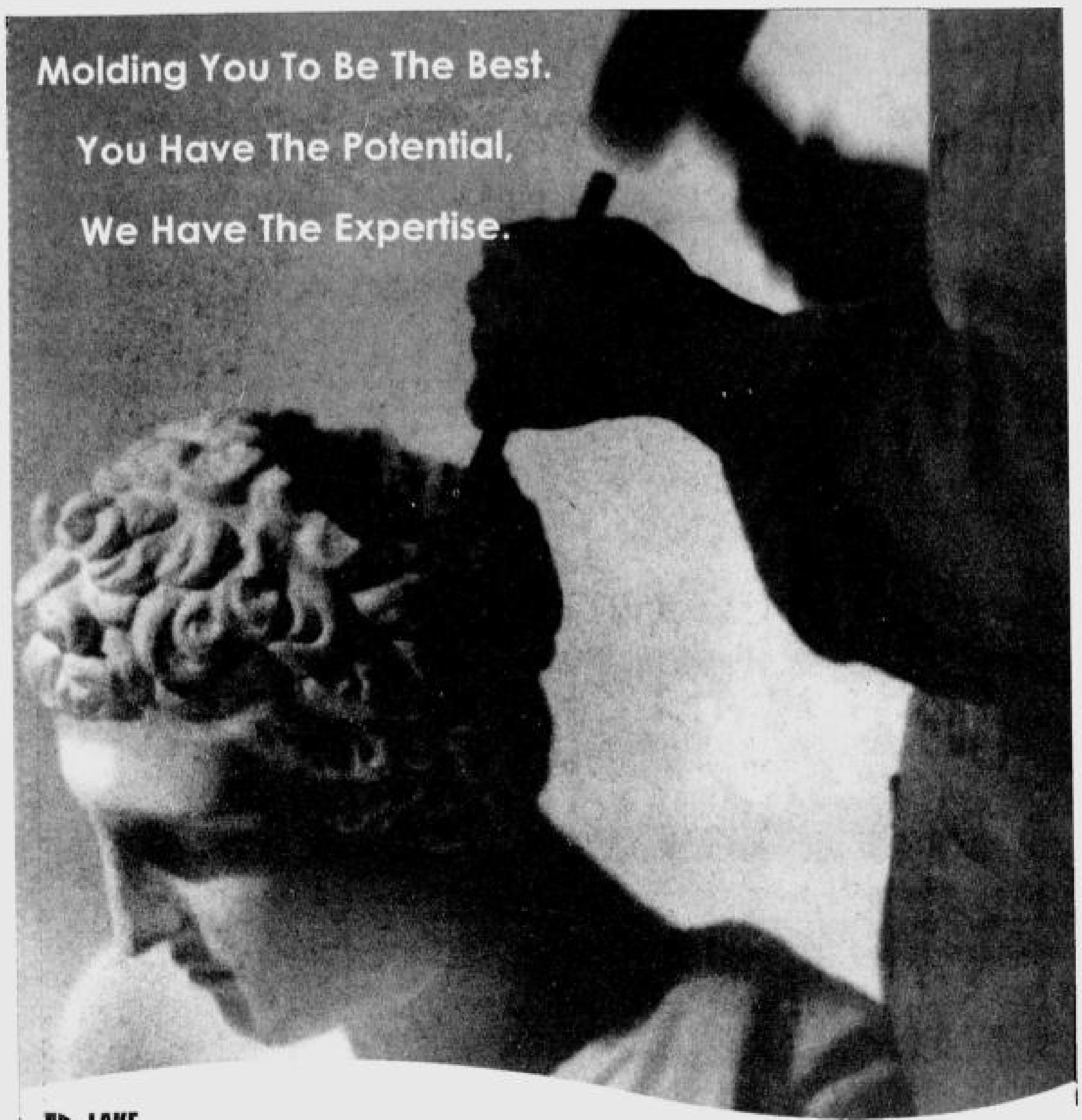

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Companies offer massages at work to increase productivity

NEW YORK—ONE US WEST Coast marketing agency encourages employees to stop work and duck out for massages, while at one New York hedge fund, workers break during the day for yoga classes.

More companies are offering employees the on-site pleasures of massage and yoga, not just to make their staff happy but to be competitive and even boost the bottom line.

Such programs, once the provenance of nontraditional companies but now popular in bastions of business, help retain employees in a job market where they might easily leave to work for a competitor, companies say.

"We have to do whatever we can to keep our employees happy. There's a lot of competition right now in our industry," said Tracy Cote, head of human resources at San Francisco-based Organic Inc., a digital marketing agency that is part of Omnicom Group Inc..

"There's been an upswing in the market in the past 12 months. Business is better for us, but business also is better for our competitors," she said. "It's all about recruiting and retaining." Organic first offered on-site massage once a month and, due to demand, increased to twice a month. Now it's grown so popular the company is considering offering it every week.

In a sign of their appeal, programs such as on-site massage—when a company may hire a licensed masseuse to set up shop in a spare room—typically show up as desirable factors in lists of the best US places to work.

Companies are digging deeper into their pockets to pay for such benefits, said Meredith Stern, a partner at Infinite Massage in San Francisco.

Added perk

"With the economy jumping up again, we have noticed that companies are adding this as a perk," she said. "They're trying to find ways to spend money on their employees to keep them, because it's harder to replace somebody." A survey by Massage Therapy Journal found at most companies that offer massage, more than half added it in the last five years.

In or out of the workplace, some 47 million Americans got a massage in a 12-month period that ended last July, up by 2 million from the previous year, research shows.

"My argument is, you're going to do much better in terms of productivity if you allow your employees to get up and move around for a little bit, and it's better than smoking a cigarette or even having a cup of coffee," said Stern. "But I don't really have to make an argument these days." In New York, a number of hedge funds offer employees massage or yoga during their work days.

"It's wonderful, it's a stress reliever, it's good for employee morale," said a worker at one hedge fund.

ILLUSTRATION BY STEPH BRAVO

Research shows massage can lower stress, tension and fatigue, and one study in the International Journal of Neuroscience showed people given massage therapy proved more alert and calculated math problems faster and more accurately.

Demand is on an upswing, said Michael Wald of Namaste New York, which offers antistress programs for offices.

"What I'm seeing is increased budgets," said Wald of his business clients. "Each year it has increased.

"I don't have a CEO saying, 'We made X amount of dollars more because of this. It's too hard to quantify," he added. "But morale and the atmosphere are better, and we're seeing a decrease in absenteeism as well as attrition." At Organic, Cote compared the value of massage to an allegory about two people cutting down trees.

"One of them stops to sharpen their saw, and their tree is going to get cut down faster than the one who doesn't," she said. "That is true about the workplace."

Reuters

DOLE reports that employment is up by 2.5 percent

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SECRETARY PATRICIA A. STO. TOMAS recently said that employment rose in April 2006 by 2.5 percent or 803,000 new employed persons, increasing the total employment in the country to 33.024 million from 32.221 million in April 2005.

Sto. Tomas noted that the positive gain as reported in the April 2006 Labor Force Survey of the National Statistics Office indicates the economy's capacity to productively absorb more new entrants to the labor force amidst the graduation season this year.

With the growth, Sto. Tomas said that unemployment dropped to 8.2 percent from last year's 8.3 percent.

The labor chief said that the country's agriculture, fishery and forestry sector led the employment growth by a robust 3.9 percent or 427,000, which surpassed one-half (53.2 percent) of the employment created during the period. Said growth rate effectively raised employment levels in the sector to 11.420 million in April 2006 from 10.993 million in April 2005.

Sto. Tomas also said that employment in the services sector—the country's largest sector in terms of employment—rose by some 2.4 percent or 378,000 to 16.369 million in April 2006 from 15.991 million in April 2005.

On the other hand, industry sector employment remained stable at 5.236 million in April 2006, virtually unchanged from April 2005.

Sto. Tomas also said that services' wholesale and retail trade posted the largest employment increment (103,000), complemented by other subsectors that registered solid employment gains like transport, storage and communication (90,000), education (73,000), hotels and restaurants (42,000), and real estate, renting and business activities (39,000).

In industry, on the other hand, mining and quarrying, as well as electricity, gas, and water subsectors posted employment gains of 28.9 percent (39,000) and 21.8 percent (26,000), respectively.

Significantly, the wage and salary employment nationwide rose by 2.2 percent or 365,000, the labor chief said.

On the other hand, underemployment declined from 26.1 percent to 25.4 percent in April 2006, Sto. Tomas further said.

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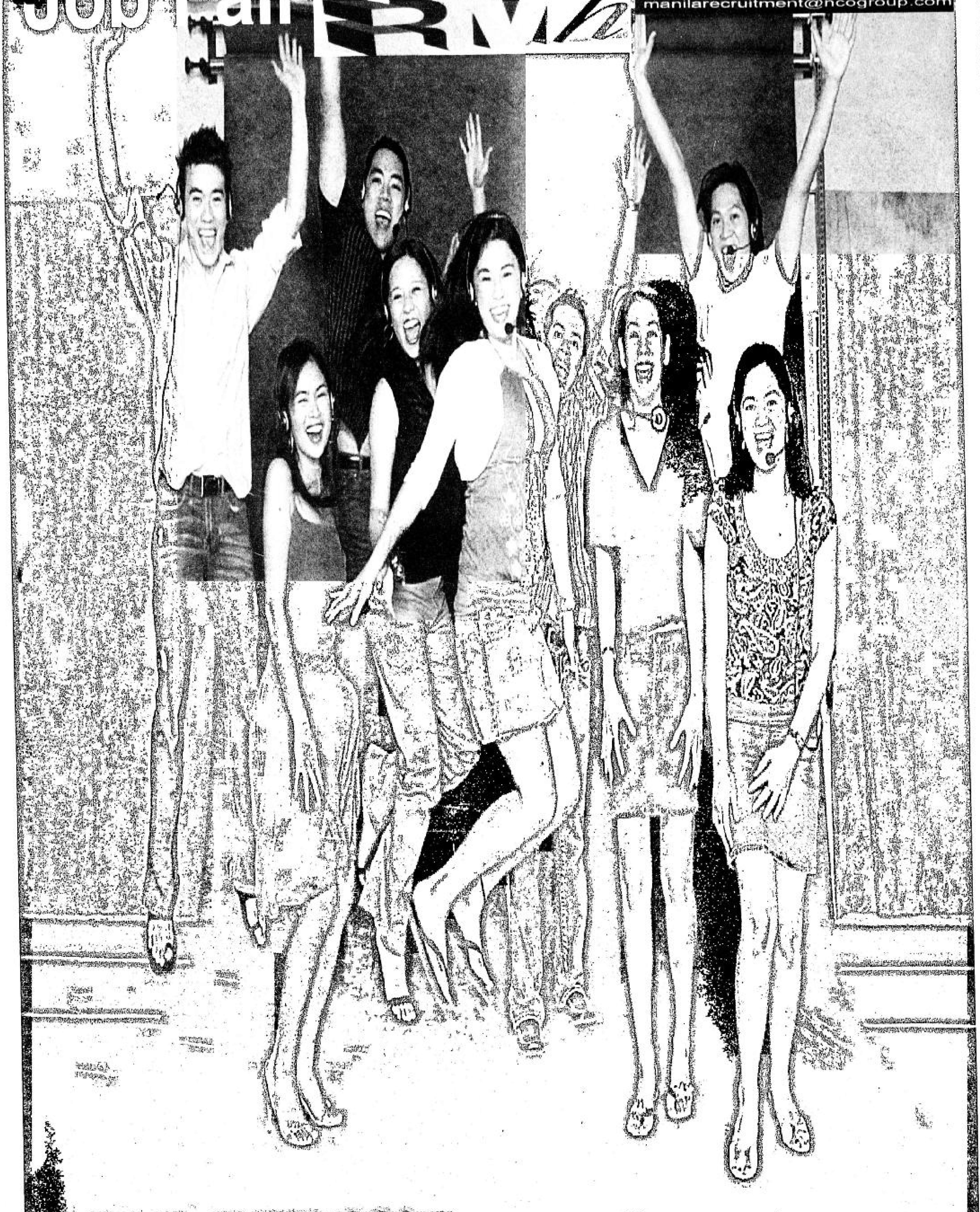

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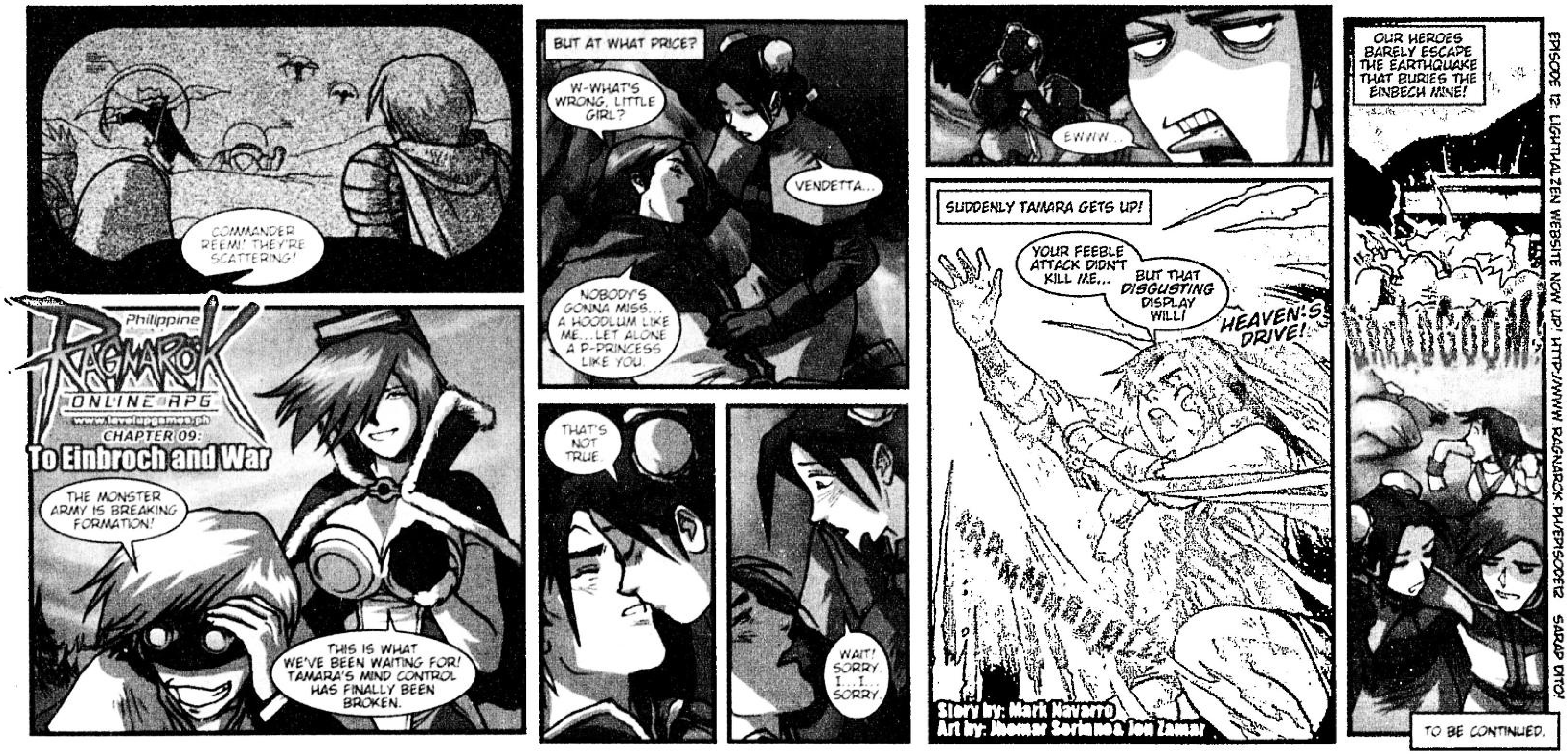
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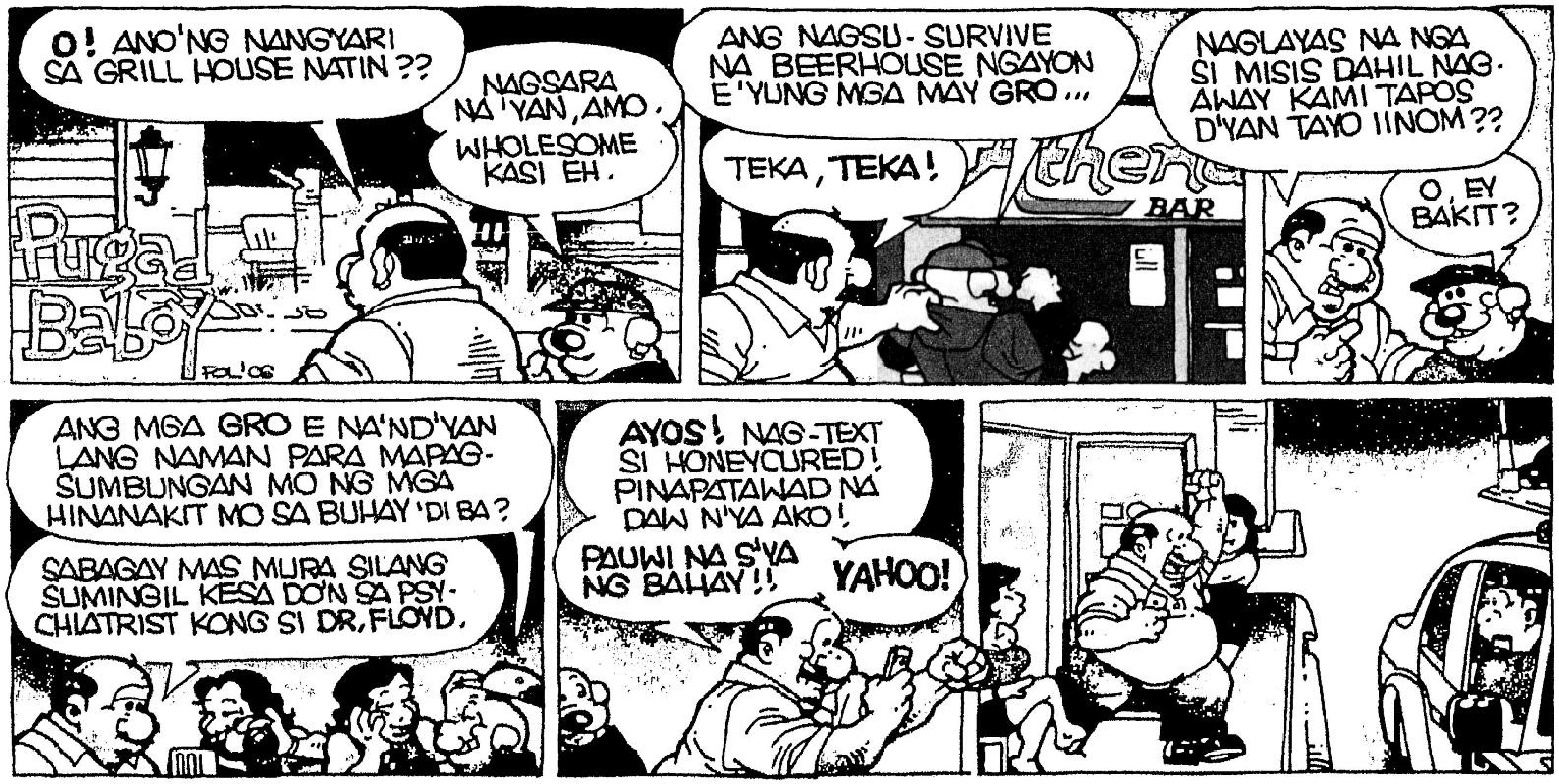
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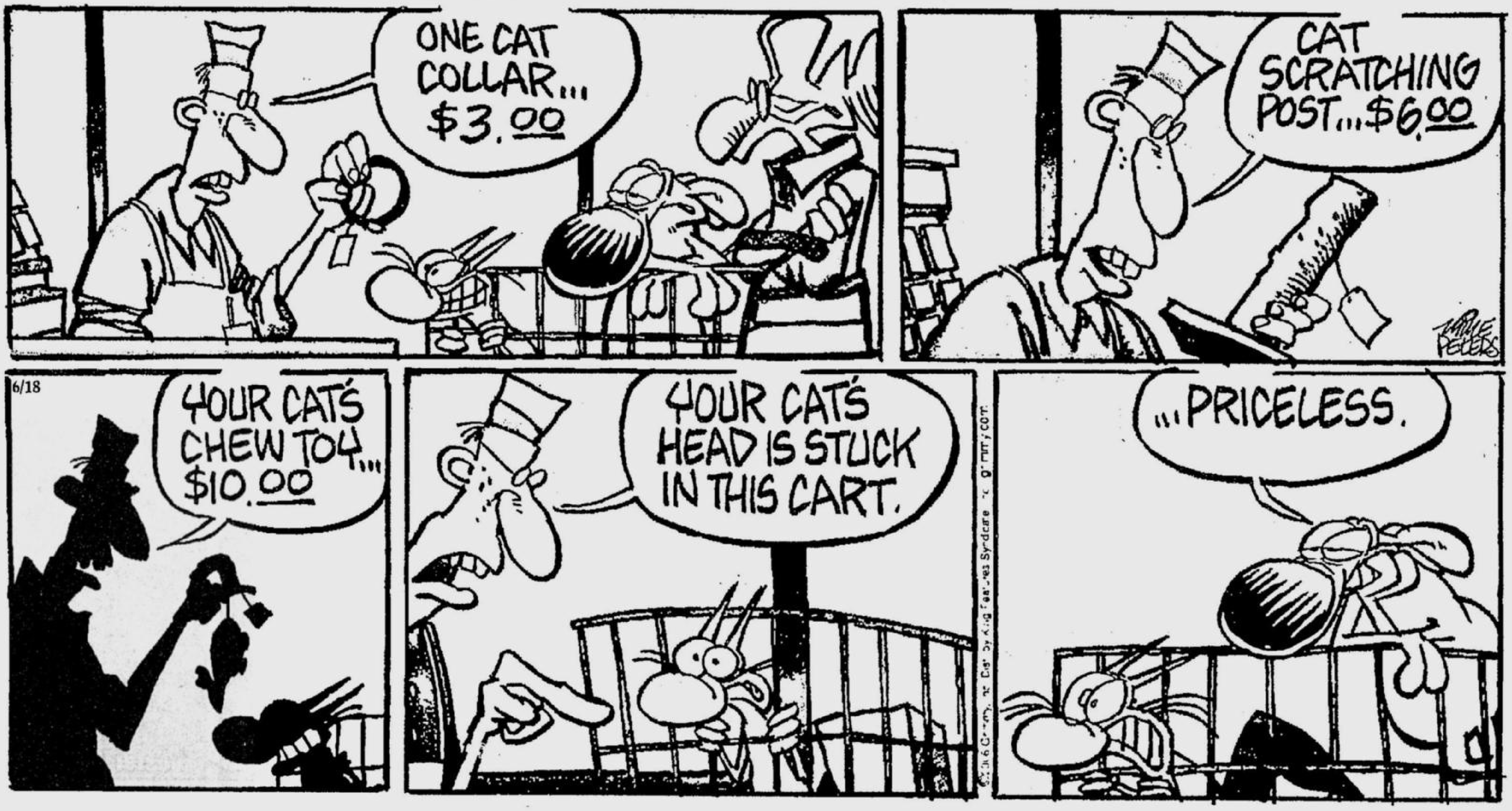
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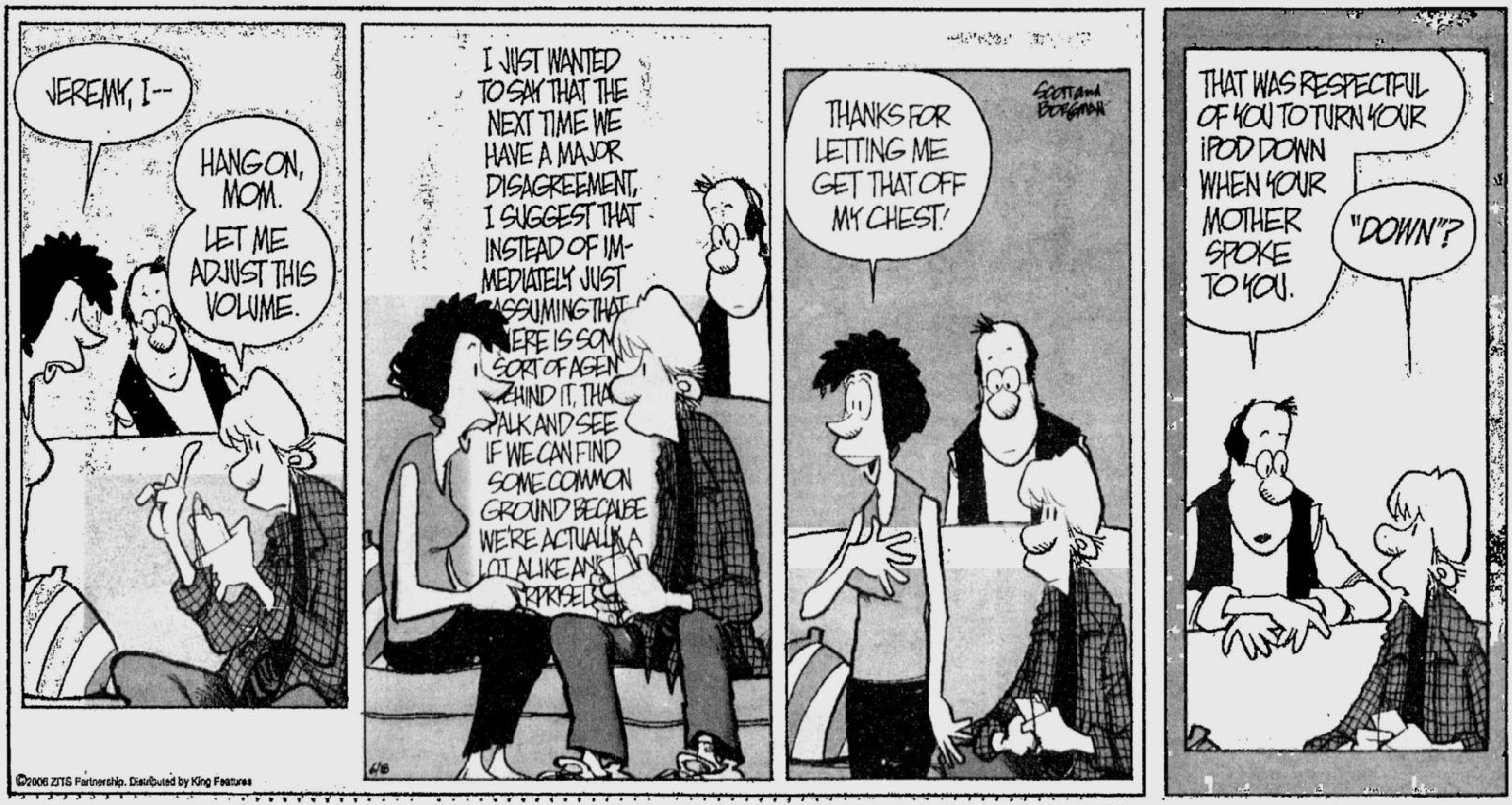
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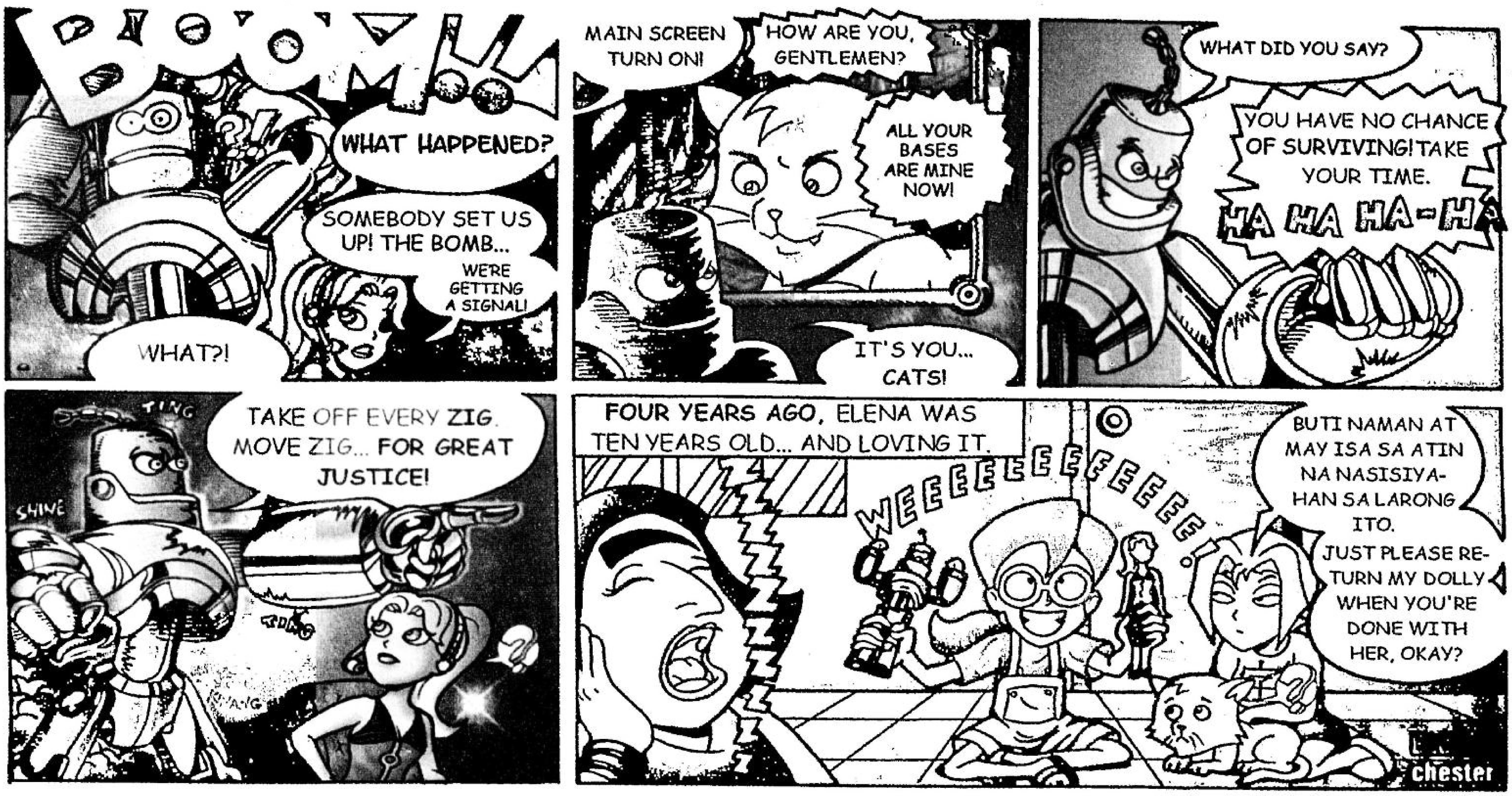
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SOMEBODY SET US UP! THE BOMB...
WE'RE GETTING A SIGNAL!
WHAT?!
MAIN SCREEN TURN ON!
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ALL YOUR BASES ARE MINE NOW!
IT'S YOU... CATS!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF SURVIVING! TAKE YOUR TIME.
HA HA HA-HA
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SHINE
TAKE OFF EVERY ZIG. MOVE ZIG... FOR GREAT JUSTICE!
FOUR YEARS AGO, ELENA WAS TEN YEARS OLD... AND LOVING IT.
WEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!
BUTI NAMAN AT MAY ISA SA ATIN NA NASISIYAHAN SA LARONG ITO.
JUST PLEASE RETURN MY DOLLY WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH HER, OKAY?
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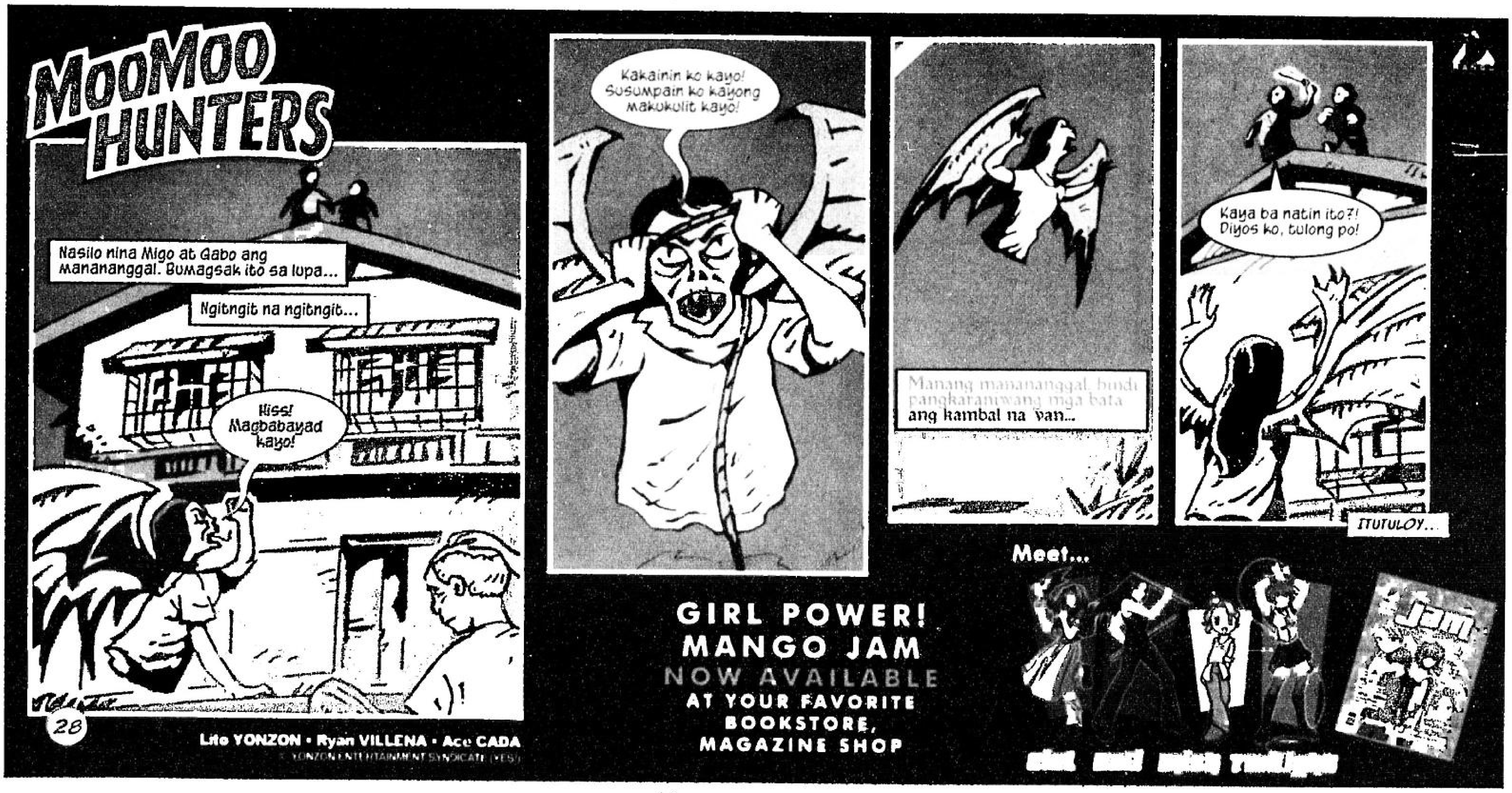
MooMoo HUNTERS
Nasilo nina Migo at Gabo ang manananggal. Bumagsak ito sa lupa...
Ngitngit na ngitngit...
Hiss! Magbabayad kayo!
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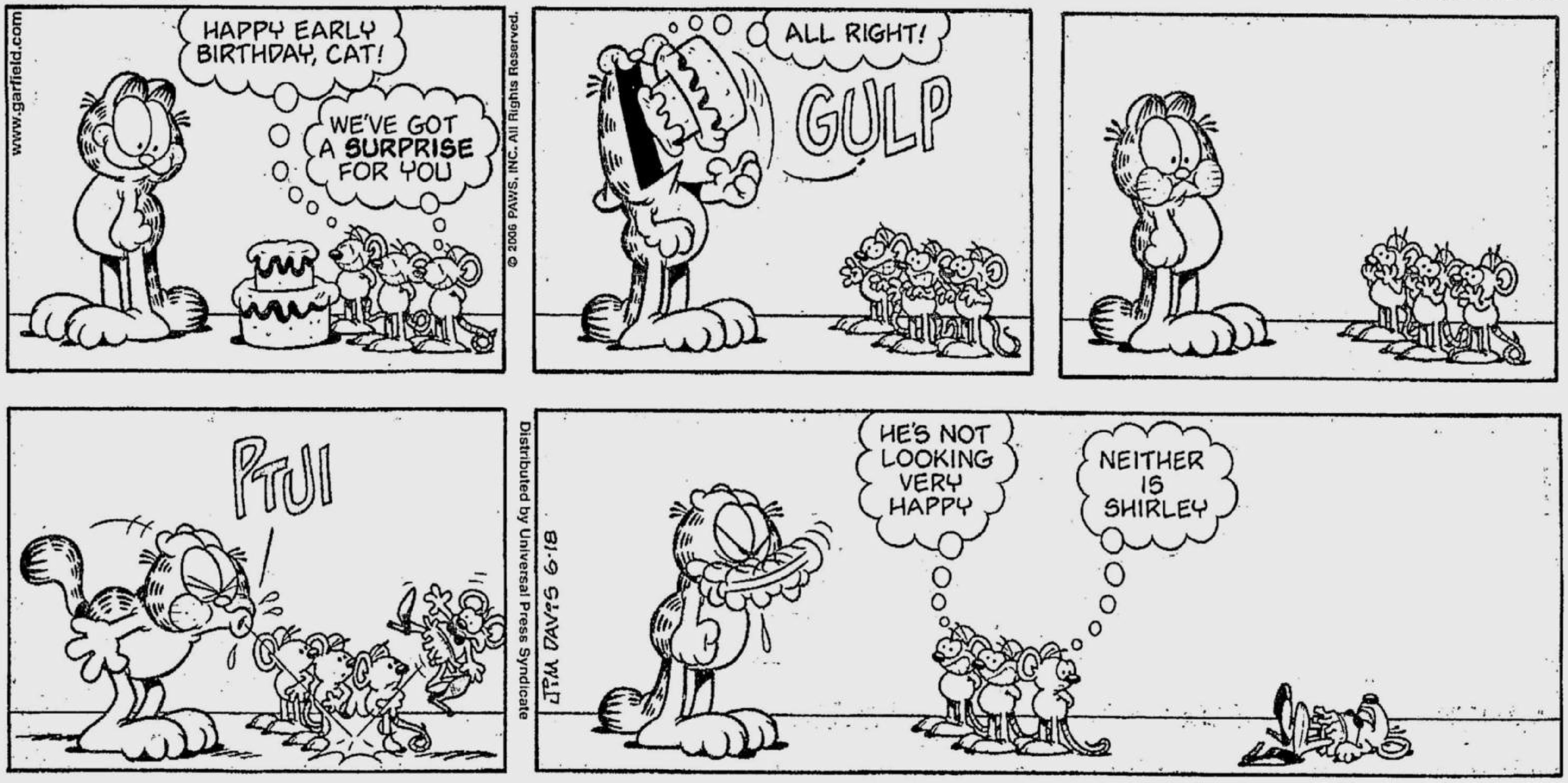
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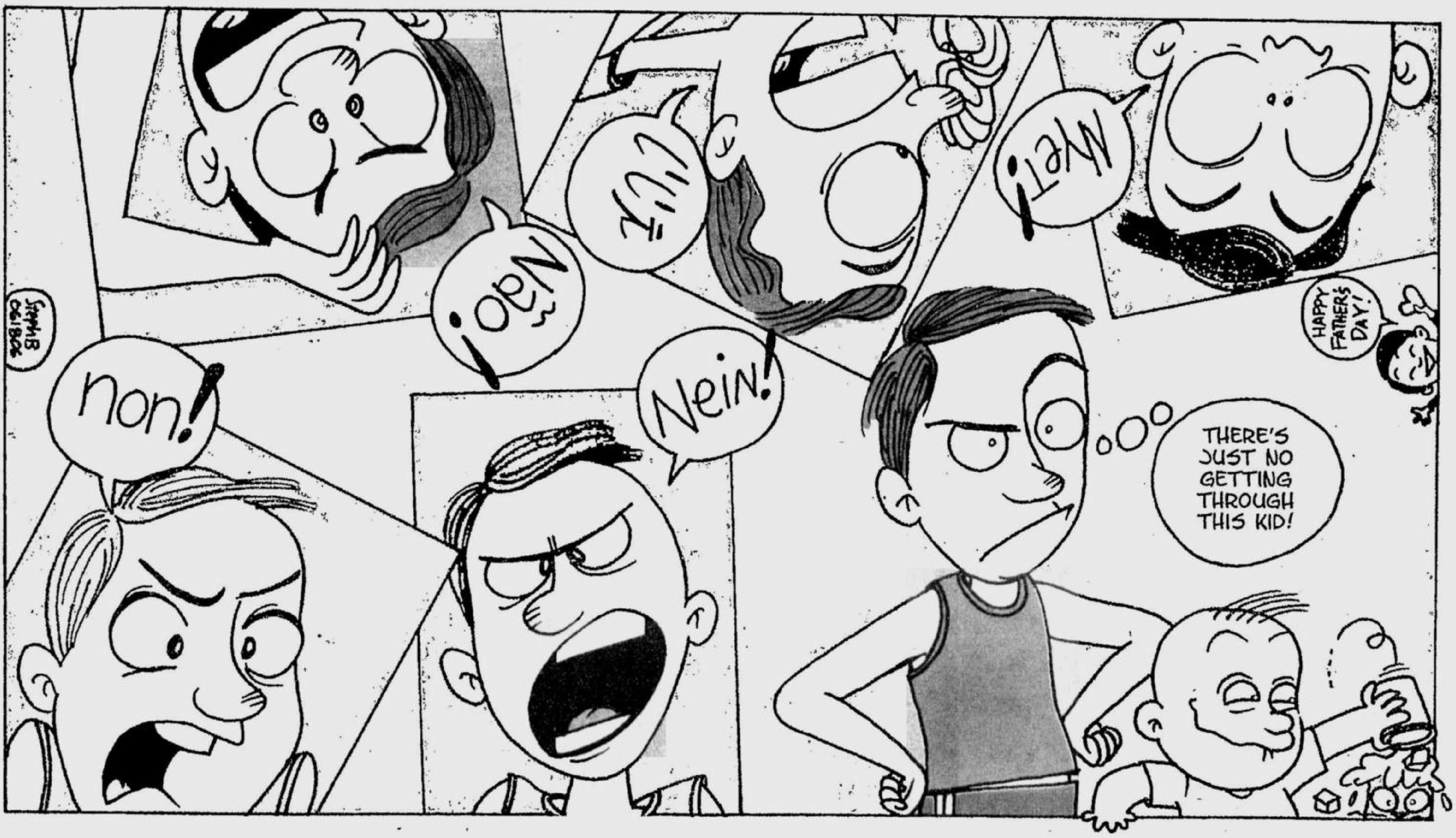
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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

The anti-Spice Boy with the cuddly face of the Left

With his boyish good looks and manner, next to unsmiling *Ka* Satur and street warrior *Ka* Bel, Bayan Muna party list Rep. Teddy Casiño is, well, a Teddy Bear

by Eric S. Caruncho
photograph by Joan Bondoc

EXT to stern, unsmiling *Ka* Satur (Ocampo), grizzled road warrior *Ka* Bel (Crispin Beltran), and grim and determined Liza Maza, the 37-year-old Teddy Casiño looks like a, well, Teddy bear.

The question that his enemies are probably asking themselves right now is: does this make him less, or more, dangerous?

Being the most media-friendly among the "Batasan 5," the group of party list representatives accused of rebellion for allegedly plotting against President Arroyo, Casiño seems to have been given the most face time by the press to articulate the issues now facing the legal Left: the pending rebellion case filed by the Department of Justice against them, and the continuing war of attrition being waged against the local leadership of Bayan Muna and other legal Left organizations. *(As we went to press, the Supreme Court has issued a status quo order stopping the DOJ from further pursuing the rebellion charges.—Ed.)* As of last count, this silent siege has claimed more than 600 lives since the Arroyo government took power in 2001, with Bayan Muna itself suffering the most casualties with 98 dead.

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In a recent television talk show, Casiño raised the spectre of "death squads," motorcycle-riding gunmen roaming the countryside with a hit list, recalling similar "dirty wars" waged in Argentina and El Salvador in the 1970s and 1980s, when these countries were under military dictatorship.

"They are threatened by the entry of Bayan Muna and the other progressive parties into mainstream politics," says Casiño.

Bayan Muna's party list representative makes no bones about who he thinks "they" are:

"Our information is that it's a special group under the intelligence service," he says. "There is a group that handles 'special operations,' of which there are two types: the first is directly related to internal security operations or counterinsurgency. These teams go from barrio to barrio looking for members of Bayan Muna. Some are intimidated, some are killed, others are simply cases of mistaken identity. And then there are those killings with specific targets: personalities in people's organizations, usually in the more populated areas where there are legal organizations. The result is more assassinations and summary executions."

Politics of vendetta

"Then there's what I call GMA's politics of vendetta which rides on that thinking by the military," he adds. "Most of those in the so-called front organizations are the staunchest critics of the Arroyo administration, so the two agendas meet. The military does its thing and the political administration allows and tolerates it because it benefits them."

"The old-timers say this never happened during martial law," says Casiño. "During martial law, a lot of people disappeared or were killed, but they were underground, and armed. But these are perfectly legal personalities, leaders in their communities. This kind of systematic killing never happened during the martial law regime."

Needless to say, the AFP leadership has denied that such a scenario is taking place. Various government officials have been quoted as speculating that the killings could be part of a Communist purge of its ranks, or a fratricidal conflict among warring factions of the Left. National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales went on national TV to announce that "killing fields" had been uncovered in Bukidnon (a fact later disputed by provincial leaders) while Justice Secretary Raul Gonzales scored Amnesty International for "having an agenda" when it flunked the Philippines in its latest human rights report because of the killings.

Public response has been strangely muted, despite the alarming numbers of dead, and the fact that they were members of legal organizations.

"It probably takes time for people to react," says Casiño. "Killings are a normal occurrence here. Salvaging happens here. It's not apathy. I would term it cynicism—the public is cynical about causes like democracy and human rights, because they don't see them being resolved in the near term, and they are preoccupied with their own lives and livelihood. But I think people understand the issues. In the areas where there are killings, of course there's fear, but when you talk to the people they understand the issues. They say they'll keep quiet because it's too hot, but they still think it's wrong. People get mad, but they feel that nothing can be done to change things. We have to break that kind of cynicism."

If anything, he says, the killings are having the opposite result.

"On that score I think we are doing relatively well, in terms of the perception of the people that our leaders are being killed because they are doing the right thing. We are able to bring the issue of human rights to the people because of these killings. During the next impeachment complaint (against President Arroyo), the human rights issue will be a big issue.

War of attrition

"We just had a national council meeting and the consensus was that Bayan Muna cannot be silent. We cannot be cowed by these killings, we just have to find ways to avoid being killed. I would say morale is still relatively high. There is a lot of fear, but my impression is that their belief in what they are fighting for has become deeper in spite of the fear. The more you repress, the more you try to frighten people, the more you legitimize what they are fighting for. That's why when we had our meeting we were not worried that the Left would lose its adherents. It may cripple the machinery for a time, but it will be easy to rebuild later on. The impact of the killings on the people is to convince them that indeed the structures of society are rotten and it needs change."

On the other hand, he admits the war of attrition has taken a physical toll on Bayan Muna.

"The implications on our party machinery, and the capacity of the mass movement itself to continue to be effective, is something we are grappling with now. Of course our stand is to continue to assert our legitimacy, our legality, but we are also looking for other ways to protect the ranks, because there is a real danger of physical annihilation."

For his own part, Casiño is well aware that his name is on someone's list, that he is in someone's "order of battle," and that parliamentary immunity doesn't include immunity from "physical annihilation."

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Upping the ante: Casiño hits the streets

"Maybe I'm in denial," he says. "Everyone I talk to is worried about me, they tell me to be careful, but I can't let it get to me. I'm just more careful, more aware of my surroundings, before I go to a place I ask about the situation. But the moment we go low visibility, that would affect the morale of the people, and that's really what they want to do with these killings, to intimidate the Left."

'Cadre de familia'

The situation is more worrisome now that he's a "cadre de familia:" he is married to Ruth Cervantes of the cause-oriented group Karapatan, and the couple has a three-year-old son Elian.

"Fortunately, Ruth works with a human rights group, so we understand each other well," he says. His son may not yet understand what's going on, but "he just knows his father is fighting for something."

Casiño was born on Nov. 15, 1968—a subject of some hilarity during the hearings on the rebellion case filed against the Batasan 5 since he was only three when the Plaza Miranda bombing—one of the crimes laid at their feet—took place.

Casiño is the middle child of five children born to a lawyer and his wife, who used to run a restaurant before devoting herself fulltime to raising the family.

"I was typical middle class," says this young congressman. "My childhood was uneventful. It was only after the Ninoy assassination in 1983 that my life changed. If that hadn't happened, maybe I would have been a lawyer now."

The young Casiño attended school in Aklan, his mother's home province, before his family moved to Manila.

"It started in high school," he says of his political awakening. "I was in La Salle Greenhills during the last years of the Marcos regime. During the famine in Negros (because of the collapse of the sugar market), the La Salle Brothers started a campaign on social awareness and that's when my outlook broadened beyond the confines of just myself."

Following the Aquino assassination and the snap elections, Casiño became a Namfrel volunteer. In the euphoric surge of idealism that followed Edsa, he decided that he would devote himself to bettering the lot of the poor and the oppressed.

"I enrolled in agriculture at UP Los Baños, because I wanted to help the farmers," he says. At UPLB, he was drawn to the student movement, but instead of joining the League of Filipino Students (LFS), he joined the campus newspaper, first as a photographer and later as a news writer. He was among a delegation of UPLB students marching with farmers to Malacañang to demand real land reform when police opened fire, killing several protesters.

The so-called Mendiola Massacre, happening less than a year after the promise of Edsa, was a watershed experience. For one thing, it alarmed his parents so much that they exiled him to Aklan for a year in an attempt to get activism out of his system. It didn't take, and back in Los Baños, Casiño shifted to Sociology and joined the College Editors Guild of the Philippines, an alliance of campus activist-journalists, of which he was to become the national head.

"Mendiola made me realize that many things still had to be done," he says. "Before that it was all theoretical, from readings and teach-ins. But in '87, this was the first rally where we were with peasants, walking barefoot—*lakbayan 'yon*—and that was the turning point in my activism."

Upon graduation, Casiño applied at the Kilusang Mayo Uno, invariably described as the "militant" labor union.

"When I was in the student movement, I looked up to the labor movement because the workers are the revolutionary class, at least that was what they told us activists, so I wanted to be exposed to the labor movement and find out what made it such a potent force. I wanted to do grassroots organizing when I joined KMU, but they told me they needed a writer, they needed someone to handle media work, so they put me in the national office. I just dabbled in union work, but I was tied to the national office for four years."

Effort at normalcy

Early on in his stint at KMU, Casiño made a last ditch effort at normalcy—he enrolled at the UP College of Law.

"I went to law school for three days, in 1996," he recalls. I enrolled but left after three days. For one, with all the workload I had at KMU, I felt I couldn't give law a serious effort. Then I thought if all I wanted to do was to help the masses, to change society, I don't need to study four more years just to do that."

This time his parents just gave up, after a few tense days, and let him go his own way.

From KMU. Casiño joined Bayan, an umbrella organization of various Left groups, where he stayed until being drafted to run for a seat in congress as a sectoral representative of the Bayan Muna ticket in 2004.

"In the legislature, basically we are articulators," he says. "After two years, we have no illusions that we can change the nature of congress. We have no illusions that we can pass really progressive laws. With the wage bill we started out with P125 across the board one-shot deal. Now it's three gives, spread out over three years. When it passes the Senate, it's going to be watered down some more. The most we can do is file a piece of meaningful legislation. The good thing is that we are able to articulate issues right in the corridors of power, we are able to debate them with the policymakers themselves, we have access to media, to government agencies—there are concrete advantages to our constituencies. But to say that because we are here, democracy works, and that Congress really represents the interests of the majority—we have no illusions about that."

Some of his critics, citing the old McCarthyist adage that "if it walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck," suggest that Casiño and his colleagues are merely toeing the party line. Casiño begs to disagree.

Not a typical leftist

"They say I'm not the stereotype of the *'kaliwete'* (leftist) leader. In fact I became active in the student paper and in the CEGP because while I thought the campus radicals in the LFS were OK, I felt there were more areas to be explored. So ever since, I was very critical even of the Left. This was the time when they were still studying what went wrong in '86, so I joined at a time when the Left was questioning itself. Until now I have that kind of attitude."

Coming as he does from the middle-class, he claims the so-called "middle forces" as his constituency. One challenge he faces is finding ways to mobilize members of this sector, the driving force behind "people power," who have become disillusioned with it. He says there are avenues for dissent apart from the tried and true method of marching in the streets. While the Batasan 5 were "housemates" under the protective custody of the Speaker of the House, for instance, Casiño pushed for the establishment of a Batasan 5 blog.

But tired as Filipinos seem of be of always having to take to the streets to counterbalance the excesses of the state, Casiño believes that "people power" is far from being a spent force.

"At this stage, I think it's healthy, not disruptive," he says. "The status quo is the disruptive force, the unjust situation that has to change. Of course if you're comfortable you don't want those kinds of upheavals, but I for one don't see how we can have the kinds of reforms we need through this kind of a Congress. After two years here, I doubt that those reforms will come from Congress, even less likely from Malacañang. So it will have to come from outside, but it will have to be organized, it will have to have popular support."

"That's what I'm looking for—how to raise the ante so all these good intentions can challenge the political culture and the existing political structures. And so far, 'people power' is still it. It's worked twice. The trick is how to perfect this mode of change. I think it's just a matter of what catches the public imagination, what can trigger it. You can't predict these things."

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Stylewatch

by Joy Rojas

Bridget Inoferio has sometimes been mistaken for a transvestite because she towers over everybody else. Now an international model with Calcarrie's, the 20-year-old finally finds herself fitting in

Always a standout in a crowd, this model shows she has more to offer than just her height

T 6'1", Bridget Inoferio never seemed to fit in—not just into shoes (a size 10) or a pair of jeans, which often fall short of her long, lanky legs. As a kid measuring 5'7," her classmates called her "Big Six," "as in *malaking taga*-Grade 6," she explains.

It's all in the genes. Inoferio's father, who is 6'3, is half Spanish, while her mom, at 5'11, is of Irish descent.

So tall is Inoferio that she has sometimes been mistaken for a transvestite. The 20-year-old recalls two separate incidents where guys would wonder, within earshot, whether she was a man or a woman. ("Of course she's gay, *pare*, look at that nose!")

People should think twice about offending Inoferio, who does not hesitate to confront rude behavior—and how.

At a club in Singapore where she and a fellow Filipina overheard a table of gay Pinoys guessing the two women's gender, Inoferio shocked the group by exposing her breast and declaring, "FYI: This is for real!"

Perhaps that's why the thought of living abroad has always appealed to her. "Since high school, I've always felt like I didn't belong here, like Manila was not for me."

Crowning romp

Years later, her hunch would prove to be true. In 2004, Inoferio, one of two Filipinos among 50 international contestants (male model Rocky Salumbides was the other one) bagged first runner-up honors in the World Best Modeling Competition, a prestigious search that has been held annually in Istanbul, Turkey, since 1988. A year later, in Busan, South Korea, she did even better, romping off with the crown and the title in another renowned search, Model Of The Year.

Looking back, Inoferio doesn't remember doing anything out of the ordinary. "I just did what I knew and what people taught me," she shrugs.

International audiences, however, saw things differently. "On stage, they said I stood out and that my walk and delivery were different," she says. Off stage, she was just as commanding a presence. While Inoferio wasn't exactly Miss Congeniality ("You know, 'Hi! Hello!'" she demonstrates), fellow models naturally gravitated to her. "Who do you think will win the competition?" asked Miss Armenia to the group once in between rehearsals. "For me, I think Miss Philippines because she's very pretty and good!"

"Huh?" thought Inoferio to herself. "But nobody minds me back home. If only they knew how many more beautiful and talented models there are in the Philippines!"

Which makes victory even sweeter for this dusky middle child and tallest of three girls. (Her 23-year-old sister Jackie is 5'10, while their youngest, at 18, stands 5'11".) Actually, it was Jackie who started modeling, finishing as a finalist in Bodyshots 2003 and earning a special award in the Bb. Pilipinas beauty pageant that same year.

Varsity star

Meanwhile, Inoferio was reaping accolades of her own. Encouraged by her father to get into sports as a way to stay fit and attend school as a scholar, she became center of the women's volleyball varsity team at the University of Santo Tomas where she majored in tourism. Inoferio, in fact, got so good, she got to play abroad, representing the country in a Seoul, Korea, invitational, and at the 2003 Southeast Asian Games in Vietnam where she and the national team took home bronze medals.

Inoferio happened to be in the middle of an intercollegiate game in De La Salle-Dasmariñas, Cavite, when she was spotted by fashion designer Jimmy Esguerra. Despite the looming presence of the team's strict coach, a Korean who absolutely forbade men from speaking to his star player, Esguerra managed to get Inoferio's contact number through a teammate. A week later, and upon Esguerra's invitation, she appeared at a Bodyshots screening where she, for the first time, strutted before a panel of experts. "Self-conscious *siempre*," says Inoferio who kept the screening a secret from her folks. "As in, I'd walk, turn, and think, '*Tama ba ginagawa ko* (Am I doing it right)?'"

Trained by fashion show director Robbie Carmona, she landed first runner-up in the 2004 Bodyshots competition. The win led to more ramp-modeling opportunities, which in turn, scored her the Best Model award on "MTV Fashionista."

Inoferio's international triumph won her representation with Calcarrie's Singapore. The model who is in and out of the country for months at a time, divides her days in Singapore between casting calls, VTRs and ramp modeling jobs as arranged for her by the agency, said to be the launching pad for big-time modeling assignments in the United States and Europe.

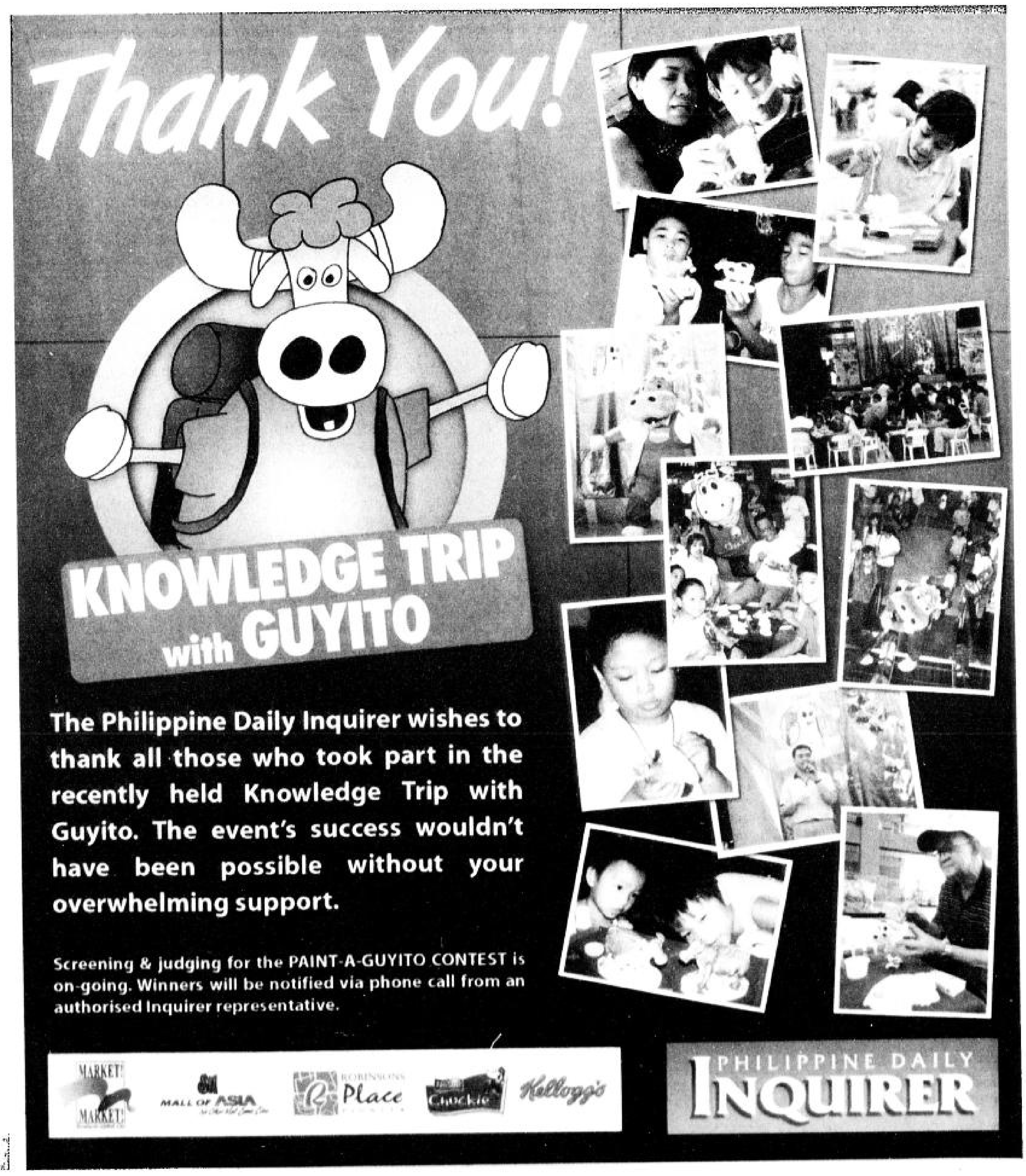
A year to model

And if that route doesn't work out, she can always cross the border from Canada, as her father, who works in a hotel in Vancouver, has petitioned his family over. "That's why I'm giving myself up to this year [to model]," she says.

Besides trying to penetrate the modeling industry in New York, she'd also like to finish school—news that should make her dad very happy. And if things go as planned, Inoferio may just be among the lovely ladies vying for a spot in Bb. Pilipinas 2007. "I was supposed to join this year, but I wasn't ready," she admits. "If I join, I want to be a sure win!"

Modeling career aside, Inoferio is like most 20-year-olds: she listens to hip-hop and alternative music, and enjoys out-of-town trips with her friends, an interesting mix of models, coaches and athletes.

And yes, there has been room for love. At the moment, Inoferio is dating a model-turned-businessman, a cute guy who is an inch shy of the 6'1" supermodel. "But it doesn't show!" she swears. When she's wearing flats, maybe. "*Ay hindi*, it's okay with him that I wear heels," she assures. Sounds like she's finally fitting in.



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Controversies

by Rowena Carranza-Paraan

This teacher is NO GMA PET

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Having risen from the ranks, Acting Education Secretary Fe Hidalgo keeps on ticking even after getting a presidential licking

FE Hildago looks and speaks like the quintessential public school teacher. Her t's, f's and th's are properly enunciated, she remains unmarried at 69, and is apparently mindful of her manners.

When the INQUIRER photographer asked her to stand with her arms crossed, the acting education secretary balked, saying that the posture denotes a lack of openness, a bad thing for teachers.

Those who've seen President Arroyo scold Hidalgo publicly during a televised Cabinet meeting might say that this Education OIC is too open for her own good. More seasoned politicians would have quickly picked up the nuances of their chief's changing mood and voice pitch, and adjusted their presentations accordingly.

But not Hidalgo. Her chief had insisted that it was 1 classroom for every 48 to 50 students, but this former teacher had done the math, had seen the overflow of students every school opening and stuck to her guns: it's one classroom for every 100 students, she repeated. The President, not exactly the soul of tact, sent her off, some say to massage the figures.

To the surprise of many, Hidalgo was back before the cameras that same afternoon, candidly answering media's queries, unlike other politicians who might have skulked off until the episode blows over. Yes, Hidalgo told the media, she felt sorry for herself. She would not have felt as bad had media not been around, she added.

"When (the President) gets upset, that's how she deals with all of us, no exceptions," she explains. "So initially I didn't feel (the scolding) that much. Only when I realized that it was on television did I feel humiliated. I was thinking to myself, how would children look at me now as a leader in education, how would everybody look at me now?"

Much work to do

She tried to shrug it off, she added. "Everybody was taking sides and that's not good. There is much work to do, what with classes about to open."

In their next encounter, Hidalgo said the President had asked her, "O Fe, you are here. Are you now going to report?" No, she had answered this time. She wasn't ready, she added.

Unlike most officials in the Arroyo Cabinet who are political appointees, Hidalgo rose from the ranks.

This Philippine Normal College graduate first taught at Batanes, her father's hometown, for three years, and at the Tatalon Elementary School in Quezon City. for the next nine years.

"Teaching really is very interesting particularly in Tatalon," she said. "The students there were mainly from the squatters' area, very intelligent but also needy. It was very challenging to teach them."

After her teaching stint in Tatalon, Hidalgo was transferred to the central office and became a senior educational researcher. She later became the national textbook coordinator for elementary and high school textbooks in Social Studies.

"When we write textbooks then, we get experts from the different disciplines. For example, even if the textbooks were for elementary grades, we'd get not only historians but also sociologists and political scientists. We'd ask them, what must every child learn in this discipline to become a good citizen?" recalled Hidalgo.

"For me it was a great experience to see how books were written. And because it is one thing to be a discipline expert and another thing to be a good writer, we'd get writers and language experts as well. We were given one whole year to try out the books in the field. During that year, we'd correct and revise until the books are finalized. This was in the 1970s."

Dedication to one's job is something that Hidalgo has absorbed from her family of civil servants. Her mother was a nurse at the Baguio General Hospital who became a public school teacher and later moved to the Commission on Elections. Her father worked at the Department of Public Works and Highways in Batanes, while her brother held the post of assistant postmaster general before retiring from government service.

Eve of Edsa

In 1972, Hidalgo availed herself of a scholarship program and took up her a masters degree in Curriculum Evaluation and Teacher Education at the Macquire University in Sydney, Australia. Ten years later, the university invited her to return to get a doctorate on Curriculum Development and Instructional Psychology which she finished in 1986.

When Hidalgo returned to the Philippines, it was the eve of the first People Power Revolution. She recalled being at the Central Market to buy a few things to send back to Sydney for friends who had helped her. She overhead two vendors talking of how they gave away their wares to the ralliers then massing up at Edsa.

"I went back home, gathered all my nephews and nieces at Edsa and distributed biscuits which were all we could bring with us."

When things settled down after the Edsa revolution, Hidalgo, who was still part of the bureaucracy since she was only on study leave, reported back to the department. Her first day back was also Education Secretary Lourdes Quisumbing's first day as the new department head. Quisumbing immediately tasked Hidalgo to handle the development of a national framework for values education.

"Because of Edsa, people were looking at what values we need to develop. And we had to do it from elementary thru high school."

Hidalgo confessed her plans at first were really to go back to Australia and work there permanently. "It was a time when I had to make hard decisions. But after experiencing Edsa and working on values education, I felt I couldn't go. I decided to stay."

Eventually, Hidalgo became assistant chief of the Special Education Division and then head of the Human Resource Development office while concurrently serving as officer in charge of the National Learning Resource Center (NLRC).

The NLRC was supposed to serve as the center for all training and development programs. Hidalgo hired consultants to design a training program for the more than 1,000 full-fledged public school principals throughout the country.

"The basic aim was to decentralize and empower the principals so they can be our core for initiating changes in schools," she said. "But we realized that sometimes, if we look at a situation, it was not the real problem we are solving but only the symptom."

Manila calling

When Secretary Isidro Cariño took over the department, he asked Hidalgo to submit a concept for a National Educators Academy of the Philippines which, in a matter of weeks, was approved and established. It was only natural that Hidalgo would become its first executive director.

Soon, Bro. Andrew Gonzales replaced Cariño and he appointed Hidalgo assistant secretary. When Raul Roco assumed the department leadership, he too saw Hidalgo's commitment and appointed her undersecretary for programs and projects, a position she continues to handle even while serving as acting secretary.

Hidalgo was in London when a fellow official called and told her they would nominate her to be the current OIC.

"I was surprised. I said 'No way' and 'That's impossible.' I didn't know that they put it on paper."

A few days after she came home, Hidalgo was summoned to Malacañang and was informed by Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita of her appointment as OIC.

"My first impulse was to tell Ermita that I was from Batanes. He said 'But you've been there before (Education Secretary) Butch Abad.' He said the President had already signed my appointment," Hidalgo said.

What's the score?

Though she wondered about it, Hidalgo never got around to asking the President why she had not yet appointed a secretary to this sprawling department. "I do want to be told what's the score. Because when you manage such a big bureaucracy you need to be credible. You need to have complete authority. It's not easy to have that when you are just an OIC."

As undersecretary, Hidalgo received P28,000 a month, a piffling considering all the headaches, bad press and presidential tantrums that she puts up with as OIC.

She will perhaps get no higher than that. After the unfortunate incident with the President, it is unlikely she would be made permanent education secretary, no matter if various sectors find her acceptable.

Antonio Tinio of the the militant Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) said of Hidalgo: "She is down-to-earth. Not a politician. She has always been open to dialogs and consultation with rank-and-file teachers. She has also expressed concern over the killing of activist teachers." said Tinio.

Hidalgo turns 70 next month. Her career as an educator spans at least 40 years and she has served 10 department secretaries/ministers. Once the President appoints a permanent secretary, Hidalgo said she is thinking of retiring. "That's enough for me," she said.

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Silenced: Hidalgo stops in mid-sentence during the May 30 Cabinet meeting after being scolded by President Arroyo on her report on the classroom shortage

Young Achievers

This little big star looks to the heavens for inspiration

by Cora Llamas
photographs by Rodel Rotoni

THE KID was simply too good to be true, and one hopes he remains that way. And no, we're not just talking about 13-year-old Sam Concepcion's high energy dancing or his singing ability that plucked him out as the "Little Big Star" among other young hopefuls in the recently concluded ABS-CBN show. Rather, it's that winning wholesomeness still untarnished by age and cynicism that gets you, the look that tells you he still regards the world as a bright stage where everything is possible.

Concepcion talks fast, animatedly, making a point with almost the same precision with which he executes a dance move, punctuating it with a kick, a hand gesture and that smile that has won him thousands of fans who have dubbed themselves the "Samsters." Everything is cool, he says repeatedly, and you're convinced that indeed, the boy can walk away from it all even at this stage.

Nothing to lose

He didn't exactly jump into the "Little Big Star" arena with all guns blazing. "I was friends with everyone," Concepcion shrugs, referring to his fellow teen competitors, "*Tito* Carlo (Orosa of Trumpets) was telling me, 'It's okey, even if you only land the third place. At least you've already got the exposure."

Concepcion was already a mainstay of the theater company and was doing commercials and corporate events. "I had nothing to lose," he says, "so I just [said to myself], let's give it a try."

The words echo the one guideline that his parents have constantly reminded him since the day he and his siblings entered the biz: "If [a project] is meant for you, you'll get it. If you don't, don't feel bad; the Lord has something else in mind for you."

The Concepcions are stalwart Christians and showbiz performers. Prior to their becoming full-time leaders of the music ministry in the Day by Day Christian Ministries, Sam's parents, Raymond and Gene, were performers in the Metropolitan Theater Chorus and the Department of Tourism Chorale under then Secretary Jose Aspiras. It seemed only natural that their four kids would follow in their footsteps. Right now, all of Sam's siblings are active members of Trumpets: Red, 20, Kevin, 19, and Gem, 9. Dad Raymond does commercials.

Fun package

Concepcion himself started dubbing commercials at the age of 6. As a freshman high school student at the Christian Academy of Manila, he'd rush off from school at lunch time or 3 p.m. to do a show. It was all part of the same fun package, he says. "There was no pressure for me to do it. I just wanted to. Nobody pushed me."

This rising teen knows where to give his due, "Everything comes from God, your projects, your talent. You need a strong faith when you're in showbiz." Regardless of how busy his schedule is, given the mall tours, TV hostings ("Y Speak Live!"), guestings, and tapings ("Super Inggo"), Concepcion and his family have made it a practice to go to church every week.

Perhaps it was providential that the boy's first public appearance was in "*Pistang Kristiyano*," a church gathering of 8,000 at the Folk Arts Theater in 1997 at the age of 5. That set the ball rolling. A.director of Celeste Legaspi' Musical Arts Theater Philippines took one look at his dancing and asked Concepcion's mom to let him audition for the role of the national hero as a boy in "*Sino Ka Ba*, Jose Rizal?"

Expanding world

Entering entertainment was not an issue for the churchgoing child and his parents who saw it as an avenue to bring glory to God. But then again, Dad and Mom Concepcion were not traditional choir singers; they pioneered praise and worship music in the Philippines, which encouraged dancing and modern melodies at a time when these were considered revolutionary.

The Concepcions also differed in that they sang their Christian music in Filipino to the accompaniment of indigenous instruments like the *kulintang* and *agong*. When Sam first auditioned for Trumpets' Playshop, his music piece was the very nationalistic and soulful "*Bayan Ko*," while his dance number was a folk piece from Grace Nono. Once Trumpets got him in, a whole new world of relearning opened up. "Hey, I can do hip hop!" he remembers thinking.

Right now, that world is expanding as more and more offers are coming in. Concepcion might do Benjamin in Trumpets' restaging of the hit musical "Joseph the Dreamer."

But the kid who admires Justin Timberlake and Michael Jackson has no grand dreams in mind at this early age—he just wants to sing, period.

A tenth of the P1 million prize money from the ABS-CBN has already been tithed faithfully while a portion has been allocated to a list of fantastic high-tech gadgets that kids today can't do without.

Otherwise, life stays the same for Concepcion. His family will always be there for him, he says, and sibling rivalry isn't a problem. "They're all happy for me," says this teen who, despite his success on TV, still does the dishes and takes out the garbage. ◘

His parents' Christian ministry has taught Sam Concepcion early on how music and dancing can become part of his religion. Faith can be as cool as hip-hop, he says

Businesswatch

by Ed L. Santoalla

For this fair trade advocate, buying (local and fair) can change the world

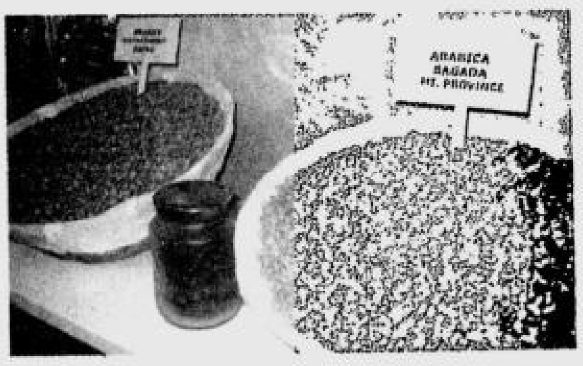
EDWIN BACASMAS

FOR a former banker, Claribel David has a rather grim view of spending. Before putting goods into their shopping carts, she says, consumers should think about underpaid workers, unsafe working conditions, unequal treatment of women, the rapid destruction of the environment, the use of child labor, and fading Filipino cultural identity.

Even if that sounds like she just took the fun out of malling, shopaholics need not despair. Responsible spending, says David, need not be penitential. "You don't have to spend hours contemplating whether a bottle of ketchup exploited a child somewhere in the process of production." By identifying goods produced under fair working conditions, this mother of three hopes to convert shopping into another form of activism. Fair trade, she says, is an alternative trade and business model.

Fair Trade forefront

David, who is married to another banker, is at the forefront of the fair trade advocacy, and is the spokesperson of the "Buy Local, Buy Fair Campaign".



Former banker Claribel David's battle cry might as well be, "Shopaholics, unite! You have nothing to lose but your guilt. By choosing the right goods and services, you can still go malling, save the planet, feed the poor and make a difference"

"As a growing social movement, Fair Trade encourages Filipino producers, particularly small community-based enterprises, to observe socially and environmentally just practices," says David. As such, she adds, they act as "active agents of economic growth in the community where they operate."

She cites the case of the women's cooperative Katakus in Panabo, Davao. From subsistence farming, the women started a handmade paper project that has extensively augmented their meager family income, says David. "Starting from a small backyard facility, they have now adopted an environment-appropriate technology that lets them meet orders coming from as far as Japan and England," she says.

But the sustenance of Fair Trade enterprises, especially the emerging ones that do not have the capacity to go into export, depends on the support of ordinary Filipino consumers, according to David.

"The battlefield is in the malls, in the shops and in the supermarkets," she explains. "But above all, Fair Trade activism must begin by targeting the hearts and minds of consumers. Adjusting the consumers' consciousness and purchasing habits could be the biggest challenge. We're asking them to give utmost consideration to the question 'who made the products?' And 'how were these products made?'"

Continues David: "The consumers have to know that through their conscious purchasing habits, they actually have the power to uplift the economic condition of producers and workers---or undermine it."

Prior to her exposure to the Fair Trade movement, David admits that like most consumers, price and quality were her main concerns, followed by a long list of sub-criteria such as brand names, trends, even celebrity endorsers. But upon learning of the universal dilemma of farmers, craftsmen, workers and producers whose day-to-day existence depends on the fair pricing and uninterrupted sale of their goods, she realized that the mere act of buying a product can actually make a difference.

Satisfaction and survival

"Every time we buy something, we're actually buying from somebody—workers, small farmers, native artisans who ply their trade, practice their art and sell their wares, not solely for our own satisfaction, but more immediately, for their own survival."

When David left the world of banking and finance in 1991, she had intended to become a "full-time housewife." Instead she ended up becoming a volunteer worker for a fair trade program under MASAI, an NGO that does business development service for coops and people's organizations. Her husband Dennis was then doing consultancy work for the group. When the fair trade program was spun off in 1998 into a full-blown organization called the Association of Partners for Fair Trade, Inc. (APFTI), David became the board chair. There was no looking back after that.

Presently, David serves as the board chair of APFTI's marketing arm, the Filipinas Fair Trade Ventures, an NGO engaged in the domestic distribution and export of Philippine crafts. At the global level, she represents Asia in the executive board of the International Fair Trade Association, a network of fair trading and support organizations in 55 countries.

Getting things done

These days, David is spearheading the "Buy Local, Buy Fair" campaign, bringing her message in talks with local and international media, in various fora with consumer and producer groups in the country, and even at the family dinner table.

"I have an understanding and equally committed husband," she says of Dennis, a bank executive who introduced her to NGO work in 1996, when he was helping an NGO with its finance and budgeting programs. "I believe he also sees my work as a good way of educating our children into becoming responsible consumers and citizens."

Her children seem to have absorbed her message as well, David says proudly. She recalls how once, while taking a stroll with her youngest daughter, they passed by a roadside fruit stall. When she started to haggle with the fruit vendor for a much lower price, her daughter piped up: "Mom, I thought you were a fair trade advocate?"

Her commitment has made David a

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Readers may visit the following shops where the products of Fair Trade organizations spearheading the "Buy Local, Buy Fair" campaign are displayed and sold:

In Metro Manila:

- Filipinas Fair Trade Ventures (FFTV) c/o Ms. Ramona Ramos, 73 Road 2, Project 6, Quezon City, telephone: 920-83-65/928-84-32
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- SAFFY (Social Action For the Filipino Youth) c/o Sofronio Lapitan, 2594 Lamayan St., Sta. Ana, Manila, telephone 561-0395
  Product line: handcrafted baskets, bags, lamps, housewares, decor, light furniture
- Community Crafts Association of the Philippines (CCAP) c/o Gina Sodorra, 693 G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City, telephones: 712-2160 or 0920-901-2382
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In the provinces:

- Preda (People's Recovery, Empowerment and Development Assistance Foundation, Inc.) c/o Alex Hermoso, Upper Kalaklan, Subic Bay, Olongapo City, telephone: (047) 223-9229 or 0918-9224453
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LoveNotes

by Joe 'D Mango

The wrong kind of love?

He embraced me for the second time. While driving home, I couldn't help but cry. I hated myself for allowing this to happen

Dear Joe,

I am Gian, 24, and currently working in a five-star hotel in Manila. I decided to write to you because I'm confused. Nobody knows what I'm going through. You see, I had a number of girlfriends before and, though I enjoyed being with them, I really never felt deeply in love with anyone of them.

I never felt the real intensity of love until I met Lewis. Yes Joe, you read it right. It's Lewis, and he's a guy. I don't know where to begin but I guess everything started when he became a co-worker, though a contractual one. When he was first introduced to me, I immediately noticed his good looks and perfect smile. But modesty aside, I am also gifted with good physical looks.

But cliched as it may sound, I believe that it was destiny that brought us together. We went out in a group but we set a day where we could bond together, just the two of us. We would go malling, eat and even watch movies together, which is very odd for two guys to do. More than his outward appearance, I was impressed by his kindness and understanding.

One time, we had a misunderstanding. I texted him and blamed him for our shallow fight. His reply almost made me fall off my seat. He said, I'm sorry for everything! I love you!" I texted him by saying, "I love you, too." However, we never discussed the issue the following day. He would usually ask me to sleep over at his apartment. We share the same bed but nothing sexual happened between the two of us. That's the time when I realized that I was slowly falling in love with Lewis. My love for him is beyond platonic and it has gone deeper and deeper without me realizing that the end of his contract was getting near.

When his contract expired and he left, I lost my focus. But then again, I did not want other people to know that I was dying of loneliness. He would text and call me once in a while. I really wanted to admit my real feelings but the fear of rejection prevented me from doing so. Just last month, he invited me to come to his birthday. I decided to come together with common friends. .

After an hour, I decided to leave. As I walked toward my car, he hurriedly went to me and gave me a hug. I asked Lewis if he was drunk while slowly pushing him away. He said he wasn't and then he embraced me for the second time. While driving home, I couldn't help but cry. I hated myself for allowing this to happen.

As of now, I'm trying to forget my love for him which was wrong to begin with. I want to restart my life with a clean slate. I never thought I would be in this kind of situation. How could I forget him, Joe? Please help me.

Gian

Gian,

Life indeed is full of surprises. We just don't know what will come knocking at our doors next. Gian, you are not alone in this quest for identity. I have heard from many like you who are going through the same dilemma. It is difficult to come to a realization that there exists within us another person unexpectedly and totally different from us. It is like a mysterious flame glowing through cold ash.

I have always said that it is not in loving a person that we commit sin but it is what we do when we love beyond the limits of reason that makes it wrong. Gian, your moral sensors made you aware of the implication of such a relationship. The hardship you are going through reflects your internal conflict but your ability to rationalize means that you are still capable of changing the course of your life.

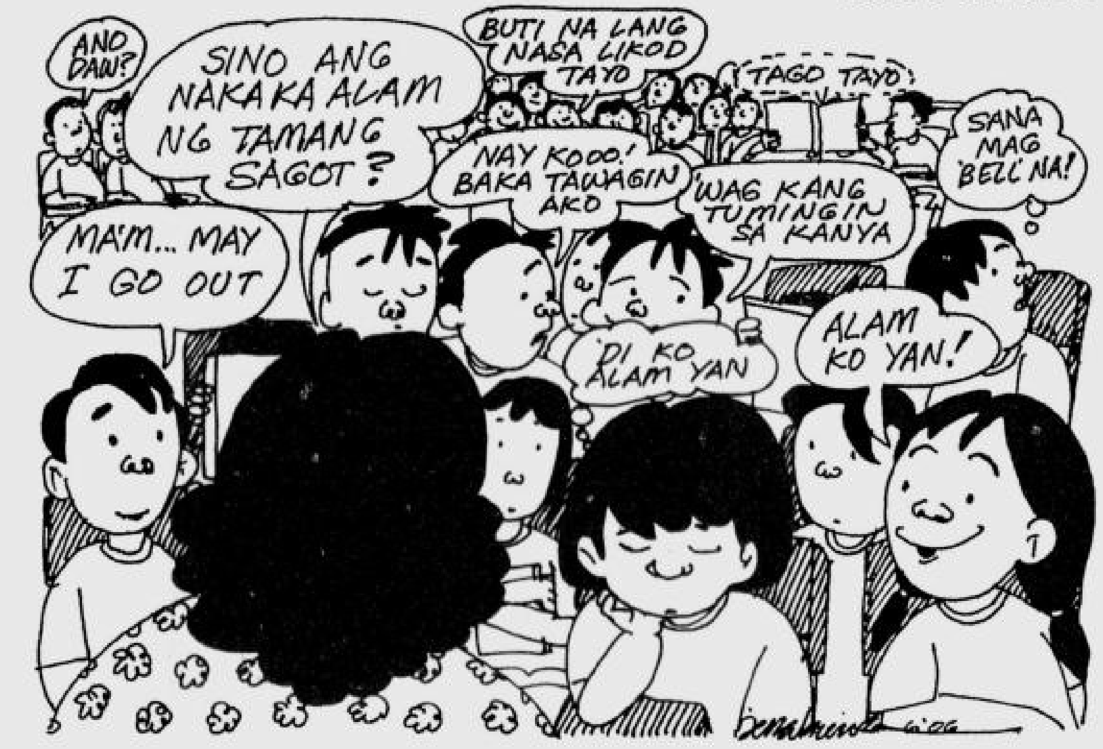
If you really want to forget him then you have to stop thinking about him. He may not be in your face but you have allowed him to remain at the back of your mind. And the mind is very powerful. The people who we do not remember are the people who mean little to us and the people we love are those we do not forget. If we stop loving a person then we can start forgetting. But for as long as our hearts are connected then all efforts to rule over our emotion will mean nothing.

Gian, we become who we think and believe we are. Be yourself and remember that we can only be truly happy when we are at peace with our inner selves and when we are in harmony with the people we love and the people who love us.

Pinoy Nga!

by Jess Abrera

Silid Paaralan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much respected figure in the fair trade circle. "She gets things done," says Dolly Amor, executive director of Asia Fair Trade Forum Inc. More than that, adds Amor, she works purely as a volunteer, devoting long hours to the demanding work in this fledgling movement. Her only perk is getting to travel wherever and whenever the advocacy takes her, and meeting people from various cultures who think differently.

The volunteer work, David says, is a "payback" for all the blessings she has received in her life, starting with her upbringing.

"My parents, especially my father, a lawyer, taught us to believe that there are no rich and poor people, all are children of God. This has always been my perception of the world." Her parents' teachings later found confluence with those of Opus Dei, to which she was introduced while studying economics at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, where she graduated magna cum laude.

But David's "shopping activism" is not informed by any economic treatise she'd learned in college or any world-view she'd adopted from other social movements in the Philippines. She's the typical middle class person with definite opinions on what's right and wrong, who one day found a way to reconcile the difference through the simple act of fair trade shopping. It's a habit that she hopes more people would buy into.

For more information on the advocacy and products of Fair Trade, readers may call or visit The Advocate of Philippine Fair Trade, Inc. (APFTI), 47-A Road 2, Project 6, 1100 Quezon City, Philippines, Telephone: 425-1230 to 31; 454-4744; Fax: 454-1567; email: pftqc@apfti.org.ph; website: www.apfti.org.ph

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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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The 8th generation CIVIC

A BURNING DESIRE THAT HAS SET THE COUNTRY ON FIRE

The temperatures in the most happening venues in Dagupan, Davao, Cebu and Manila were a few degrees higher on the night of April 3 as Honda turned it up a notch when it unveiled its hottest car to date - the all-new Civic.

Intensifying the desire

Inspired by passionate colors, enticing visual elements and entertainment, Honda staged the Civic Fever, an experimental journey into all that's desired in the all-new Civic.

Greenbelt was transformed into a grand party destination of Latin and Cuban flair, with huge bongo drums and modern acrylic chandeliers.

The excitement was ignited by a smoldering opening number by Nyko Maca with the Hotlegs and Polynesia. The launch, hosted by two of today's hottest personalities, Tessa Prieto-Valdez and RJ Rosales, began with the guests opening their Gadgets magazines, featuring the latest print advertisement of the all-new Civic, a first in Asia, with an innovative sound chip that mentioned the power features of the all-new Civic. To heat up the desire even more, guests were treated to a sneak peek of the all-new Civic with the making of the Civic TVC, its 15-second teaser and updates of Honda's simultaneous Civic launch events in the key cities namely Dagupan, Cebu and Davao.

A burning revelation

Finally the moment came for the 8th generation Civic when the night's Fire Queen Nyko Maca, led the reveal presentation while she sang her unique brand of music, the Electrobatocada. As the music climaxed along with a countdown, a spectacular pyro effects left the audience awestruck and the all-new Civic came into view in enthralling Alabaster Silver hue, along with the unveiling of the two other Civic units in Habanero Red and Pearl White Mica. A magnificent fireworks display followed soon after, as guests and members of the press marveled at the sight of the all-new Civic.

Keeping the desire aflame in Dagupan

Of the four venues chosen to represent the nationwide arrival of the 8th generation Civic, Dagupan was honored to be the first to telecast their reveal portion live via Studio 23. Dagupeños crowded the Senior Citizen's Park as heavy sky lights beckoned the rising anticipation of the year's most awaited automobile.

Enticing Latin beats filled the air in a fiery display of passionate movements, the Hotlegs dance group performed a sultry dance number that would also usher in the beginning of the live television broadcast. The on-screen chemistry of Studio 23's JC Cuadrado and Angela Calina added to the intensity that was keeping the desire for the all-new Civic at a constant climb. And in a blaze of glory, the entire nation witnessed the first unveiling of the all-new Civic.

Davao turns up the beat

Temperature rose higher and desires were satiated as the fever reached the shores of the biggest city in the Philippines, Davao City. Local TV personality Maikee Aportadera together with Studio 23's Patty Laurel hosted while Gruppo Tribale and the Maharlika Dance Company heated up the evening's repertoire.

People from all sectors attended the party including several car aficionados such as the Honda Club of Davao were also present to witness the unveiling of the 8th generation Civic.

Cebu, a surefire hit

Of course, Cebu would never miss out on the fun. Held in the Banilad Town Center, the launch was a party of spiced up Latin beats, and sultry performances from Talento, Baile Baile, and Lupon Anduyo.

Hosts Manu Sandejas and Mitch Hernandez led the program as the guests awaited the reveal of the 8th generation Civic. Everyone was overwhelmed as the all-new Civic in Habanero Red wheeled out from backstage to take the spotlight.

Hot flashes ignited by Studio 23

While guests and friends in the four venues witnessed and experienced the Civic Fever, the rest of the nation watched it all via live telecast on Studio 23. Viewers everywhere were able to see firsthand the unveiling of the all-new Civic as popular TV personalities gave detailed accounts of the night's festivities in real time, from each key city where Honda held its launch event. In that one memorable night, the entire nation caught the fever unleashed by the all-new Civic!

TAKASHI Sekiguchi, president and general manager of HCPI.

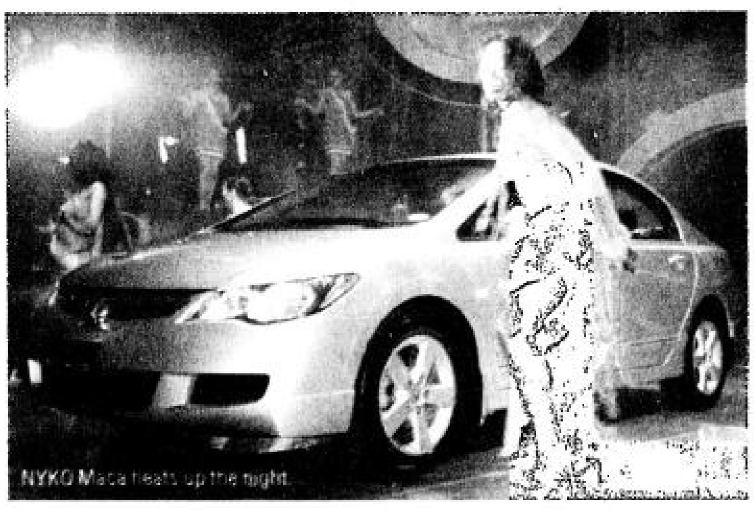
CEBU hosts Mitch Hernandez (left) and Manu Sandejas (right) open the country's first ever audio print ad.

MANILA hosts RJ Rosales and Tessa Prieto-Valdez.

HONORABLE Secretary Peter Favila from the Department of Trade and Industry expresses his excitement on the launch of the all-new Civic.

HOSTS Chinggay Andrada (left) and Bobby Yan (right) with HCPI president and general manager Takashi Sekiguchi (center).

DAGUPAN hosts Angelina Calina and JC Cuadrado.



NYKO Maca heats up the night.

DAVAO hosts Maikee Aportadera and Patty Laurel.

Ayala Land Premier launches new One Serendra units

AYALA LAND PREMIER (ALP) launched Section D of its exclusive and luxurious One Serendra garden residential condominium development recently at the Serendra Sales Pavilion in Bonifacio Global City. Dubbed "ONEs: A celebration of the best in fine living," the event also marked the public unveiling of the new logo and pavilion area of One Serendra. ALP officers, project partners, members of the technical project team, sales team, special clients and invited guests lent their support to the momentous occasion.

One Serendra's Section D is a new offering of units in one of the country's most highly anticipated developments today. With One Serendra fast running out of inventory in previously offered Sections A to C, ALP answered the burgeoning demand and offered more units with distinctively luxurious features. Section D units were immediately snapped up by priority clients days before the launch event, and One Serendra welcomed even more clients during the evening.

One Serendra units run up to more than 300 square meters, rivaling the space and freedom provided by many upscale, single-detached homes. Select units in Section D also feature their own lanais or patios, where owners can relax and enjoy the surrounding nature in total privacy. Those who want to mingle can invite family and friends to Section D's well-designed party deck, which provides a top-floor view of Serendra's breathtaking scenery.

Section D's exciting, unique and luxurious features were unveiled amid an atmosphere truly representative of the premier lifestyle. Reminiscent of the actual themed gardens and orchards of One Serendra, the Serendra Sales Pavilion was decorated with a bounty of fruits and flowers. Food and drinks were provided by renowned chef and restaurateur Margarita Fores; entertainment was a confluence of the best in opera, classical piano and ballet; and the program was hosted by fashion and media personality Daphne Oseña. The festivities were capped with a breathtaking fireworks display, lighting up the horizon of the Bonifacio Global City. All these elements were a reflection of the concept of ONEs for the evening — truly only the best, the pioneering and the unique for Ayala Land Premier.

Ayala Land Premier is the new name for the top-end developments of Ayala Land, providing security, ultimate comfort, and privacy. It embodies Ayala Land's trademark legacy of enhancing the residents' quality of life with its portfolio of prime locations and trophy addresses. With its superior customer care and property management, ALP ensures exclusivity and value over time.

One Serendra is Ayala Land Premier's development in Serendra, a distinctive, sprawling garden condominium complex spanning all of 12 hectares located at Bonifacio Global City, the Philippines' upcoming premier business district. One Serendra offers a luxury of space with its bigger unit sizes and low-density development, together with themed gardens and country club-like amenities such as an exclusive spa. It is also a full pedestrian community, with 100 percent car-free areas where children can roam freely. Offering truly suburban living at the heart of the metropolis, One Serendra is ideal for people who want the benefits of urban expediency without losing the graces of a vast and airy suburbia. At One Serendra, residents enjoy the finer things in life with a luxury of space and a luxury of time truly representative of suburban living in the city.

For further details, call 889-1SER (1737), e-mail oneserendra@ayalalandpremier.com or visit www.oneserendra.com. Model units are available for viewing at the Serendra Sales Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. along 26th St. in Bonifacio Global City.

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Her Excellency President Gloria
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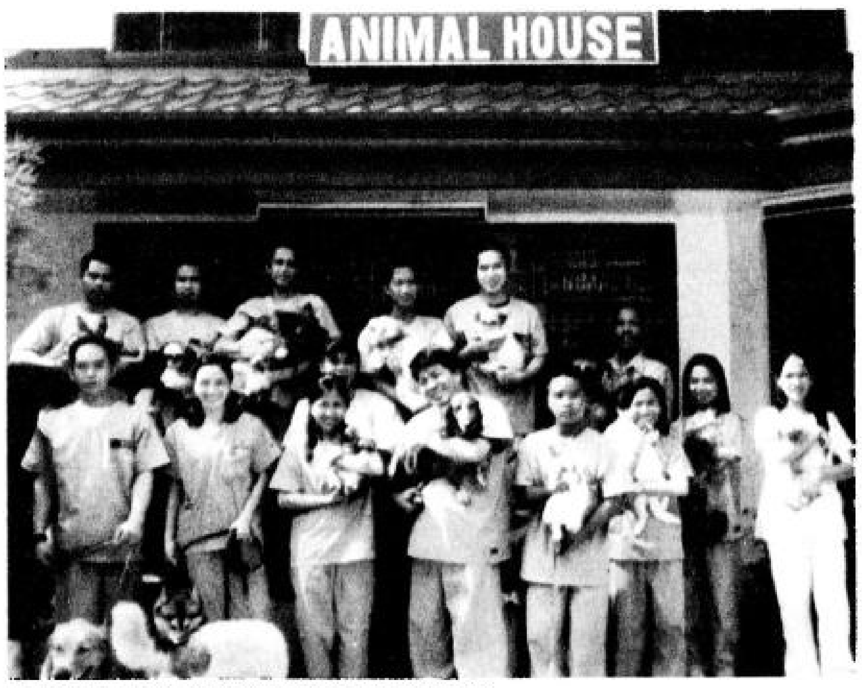
PLDT PLEDGES P10M FOR SOUTHERN LEYTE LANDSLIDE VICTIMS

The PLDT and First Pacific Groups of Companies led by chairman Manny V. Pangilinan will donate P10 million to rebuild homes for survivors of the landslide that wiped out Barangay Guinsaugon in St. Bernard, Southern Leyte. Pangilinan, who is also the National President of the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), made the pledge during the 18th annual membership meeting of the PBSP Visayas chapter in Cebu City. Half of the amount will come from First Pacific Co Ltd through the PLDT Foundation. Pangilinan is managing director and chief executive officer of First Pacific, which owns 24 percent of PLDT. PLDT and subsidiary Smart Communications Inc will come up with the remaining P5 million. In partnership with Gawad Kalinga, the PLDT Group will also help build houses for the Southern Leyte landslide survivors in a relocation site away from the landslide area. Photo shows Pangilinan speaking during PBSP's 18th annual membership meeting.



ANIMAL HOUSE VET CLINIC TURNS 20

One of the country's leading veterinary practices celebrated its 20th anniversary on June 15. Established by Drs. Michael Kaw and Edgardo Unson shortly after the Edsa revolution to address the growing demand for quality pet care, the Animal House has grown from a one clinic shop across the old Magnolia Ice Cream Plant on Aurora Boulevard, Cubao, into a group of 14 veterinary clinics with branches in key parts of Metro Manila. Branches are situated in Makati, Alabang, Ortigas Center, Del Monte Quezon City, Binondo, Eastwood, Aurora Blvd, SM Branches, including the newly opened Mall of Asia. Animal House is one of the pioneering veterinary clinics offering the full range of veterinary surgeries and procedures, x-rays, ultrasound, ECG's, dental scaling, pet grooming, and retail of pet supplies, accessories and dog food. Animal House will be offering a year-long program of activities with special promos, and treats for their clients and their pets. Come and visit any Animal House. Visit their website at www.anihouse.com.ph or call 723-1840.

BROKERS CIRCLE GET PERKS FROM BPI FSB PRESIDENT

BPI Family Savings Bank, the country's leading thrift bank maintains an exclusive club for brokers, dubbed as the Brokers Inner Circle which are composed of top brokers ranked according to the amount of successful housing loan referrals they bring in. One of the perks and privileges the members of the Brokers Inner Circle enjoy is a sumptuous lunch with BPI Family Savings Bank president Alfonso L. Salcedo, Jr. Known as the President's Treat. Top brokers Melvin Famatigan, Carl Dy, Josephine Gaston, Carolyn Untalan, Jeanne Red, Diane Cowper and Teofredo Manulo enjoyed a buffet lunch last May 18 at Paseo Uno Restaurant, Mandarin Oriental Manila. Shown in photo (seated from left) AVP Ruel Magtoto, top broker Josephine Gaston, VP Jocelyn Sta. Ana, top brokers Diane Cowper, Carolyn Untalan, Jean Red, BPI Family Savings Bank president Alfonso Salcedo Jr, top brokers Teofredo Manulo, Carl Dy and Melvin Famatigan.